

NAVY WILL COST -BILLION DOLLARS

RUSSIA'S NEW FLEET COMPLETE IN TEN YEARS

Every War Vessel to Have Duplicate Complement of Guns.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—Representatives of the Russian admiralty submitted to-day to the commission of national defence of the Duma the financial outline of the much discussed naval programme. The matter was discussed with open doors instead of in private, as had been expected. The programme is to be completed in 1917, and it includes, not only the construction of a fleet of battleships, but also hydrographic work at several of the ports of Russia. The expenditures involved amount to \$1,078,000,000, and increase yearly from the \$43,500,000 already included for the laying of four new battleships to a maximum of \$125,000,000 in 1914. The expenditure then decreases to \$85,000,000 in 1915, and the subsequent expenditures are to be maintained at this figure.

One of the features of the programme is a duplicate complement of guns on every ship to be constructed.

QUAKE FELT AT VIENNA.

Shock So Pronounced It Displaced Seismographic Pencil.

Vienna, Feb. 20.—An earthquake shock, lasting two seconds, occurred here at 10.06 last night. No damage is reported, but so strong was the shock that the pencil at the seismographic station was displaced.

"BE HONEST IN FUTURE."

Hon. Mr. Hyman Gives Free and Lets Him go Free.

London, Ont., Feb. 20.—Henry J. Curtis, alleged to be the son of a millionaire who had been employed as a bookkeeper at the tannery of Hon. Mr. Hyman, opened a combination safe last night and after taking five hundred dollars cash from the safe bought a ticket for St. Louis. Just as he was about to board the train, the head bookkeeper had him detained. When Mr. Hyman was notified he gave Curtis twenty dollars and told him to go to St. Louis and try to be honest in future.

AUSTRALIA'S SUBMARINE FLEET.

Fleet of Ten With Attendant Destroyers to Be Constructed.

London, Feb. 20.—Australia proposes to have a fleet of ten submarines with attendant torpedo boat destroyers. The first of them will be obtained in Great Britain, and afterwards, by arrangement with contractors, other submarines will be constructed at Australian ports. New six-inch guns are also being ordered for coast defence.

EVELYN ONCE MORE CREATES SENSATION

Dines at Cafe Boulevard With Bankrupt—May Forsake H. K. Thaw.

New York, Feb. 18.—Mrs. Evelyn Thaw created a ripple of excitement last night by dining in public at the Cafe Boulevard. The pretty wife of the young Pittsburg banker appeared at the restaurant with E. R. Thomas, the bankrupt financier, and sat at a small table.

A few minutes later some one recognized Mrs. Thaw and everybody in the place was soon gazing at her. Evelyn was noticeably annoyed, especially when Thomas frequently left the table to consult with his lawyer in an adjoining room.

May Forsake Harry.
New York, Feb. 20.—Harry Thaw's mother admitted to-day she wanted her son to forsake Evelyn. Thaw himself is far from refusing.

Mrs. Thaw said: "Until Harry does, he will refuse to his wife, he must bear the annoyance of such acts as Monday night's dinner at the Cafe Boulevard. I have read Evelyn's denial of the report, but she was there with a man named Thomas. It sounds very much like other denials she has made."

DOOM OF CHESTER GILLETTE.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Chester Gillette, of Portland, convicted of the murder of his sweetheart, Grace Brown, of South-Ossett, is to die in the electric chair during the week beginning March 30th.

THROUGH SIBERIA.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—Premier Stolypin has given orders to the governors of Yakutsk, Eastern Siberia and Primorsk, the eastern maritime province, to assist in every way possible the contestants in the New York to Paris auto race, in their journey through Siberia.

OFFER FOR WINNIPEG BONDS.

(Special to The Times)
Winnipeg, Feb. 20.—An offer has been made to the city to purchase ten millions worth of city bonds at 105.

U. S. SENATOR DEAD.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Senator Lattimer, of South Carolina, died this morning.

IN CHARGE OF H. M. S. EGERIA.

Captain John F. Parry Appointed in Succession to Captain Learmonth.

(Special Correspondence)
London, Feb. 4.—Captain John F. Parry has been appointed to the command of the survey ship Egeria. His many British Columbia friends will be pleased to hear that he is to succeed Captain F. C. Learmonth in the command of the Egeria, as he was extremely popular when he was her skipper two years ago. He was latterly engaged in the survey of Malta harbor.

In addition to the officers named already in those waters, Engineer Sub-Lieutenant Seath has been appointed to the Egeria in charge.

GUERRILLA WARFARE IN MANCHURIA

CHINESE DRIVE OUT JAPANESE SOLDIERS

Yellow Men Show Resentment Against Mikado's Army of Occupation.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 20.—A dispatch has been received in Portland from Hongkong and other Chinese cities that a species of guerrilla warfare has broken out in Manchuria between the Japanese and the native Chinese who are bent on driving out of the country the representatives of the powers whom they fear as an encroaching menace.

It is said in these advices that several conflicts have already occurred between the soldiers and the people and that the Japanese have been driven entirely out of the towns on the Hup Gt. Bin and Kuo Tai Hop Gt.

The fact that trouble exists between this country and Japan is well known to well-informed Chinese of this city and all look upon the situation as serious, some of them even say that a long and bitter struggle has begun.

CRISIS IN CAB TRADE.

Auto Company Suspends Operations in Berlin—Over Production the Cause.

Berlin, Feb. 20.—The auto cab business in Berlin is in a bad way, one of the leading companies suspending operations this week and is now trying to arrange for a reorganization. The crisis is due to the over production of both autos and horse cabs. A number of German auto cab manufacturers have been working recently on American orders, but latterly this business has been slackening off.

SAVED IN NICK OF TIME.

Boy Snatched From Bed in Burning House in Charlottetown.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 20.—Fraser Macdonald, of Hampton, was attending a temperance meeting when he received word that his house was on fire. He ran a mile to the burning building and entered just in time to save his adopted son, a nine-year-old boy, who was asleep in the house. He had just snatched him from bed when the falling chimney.

The dwelling was totally destroyed with a loss of \$1,500.

LAW SHIELDING DRUCE CASE "PERJURER"

Insanity Commitment Sharply Questioned by U. S. Commissioner.

New York, Feb. 20.—The commitment of Robert Caldwell to a state insane asylum while he was under bail to appear before United States Commissioner Alexander to answer "a charge of perjury brought against him by the British government" was the subject of some sharp questions by the commissioner when the case came before him yesterday. Caldwell was the witness in the famous Duke-Duke of Portland case who testified that he knew Druce as the Duke of Portland.

His counsel, W. C. Cobell, informed Commissioner Alexander that his client had been committed to an insane asylum by an order of a justice of New York state supreme court. The counsel for the British government stated that they were not informed that Caldwell was in an asylum, and that Caldwell's previous failure to appear before the commissioner to answer this matter in view, before he landed, never again will a man arranged before me for extradition be admitted to bail.

Counsel for the British government was asked what action his client would take to secure possession of Caldwell, but he replied that he would need an adjournment of two weeks to obtain the wishes of Great Britain. The hearing was postponed until March 4th.

HARRIMAN WINS IN RAILROAD WAR

COMPLETE VICTORY OVER STUVEYSAINT FISH

Injunction to Restrain Voting of Illinois Central Shares is Dissolved.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—E. H. Harriman to-day gained a complete victory in the Illinois Central litigation, which has been in the Superior court since last October. Judge Ball rendered his decision to-day dissolving the temporary injunction granted Stuevysant Fish, by which 286,231 shares of stock were enjoined from being voted at the annual meeting of the I. C. Railway Company.

This stock, which was held by the Union-Pacific Company and the Railroad Securities Company, of New Jersey, can now be voted at the annual meeting which will be held in this city in March.

Mr. Fish, who was formerly president of the Illinois Central, filed a bill on October 14th, 1907, asking that 286,231 shares of the Illinois Central stock owned by the Union-Pacific Railroad Company, the Railroad Securities Company and the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, be enjoined from the voting at the annual election of the railway company, set for October 15th. The matter was taken before Master-in-Chancery Browning, who recommended the issuance of the temporary restraining order. Mr. Fish was joined in his suit by former Senator George F. Edmunds, of Vermont; Jno. A. Kasson, former minister to Austria, and Wm. H. Emory.

The bill alleged that the defendants held a controlling part of the outstanding stock of the railroad company. Mr. Fish averred that the board of directors was dominated by E. H. Harriman, and said that the voting of this stock should not be allowed, as it would injure the interests of himself and other stockholders.

On November 20th complainants appeared in court and dismissed their bill, in so far as it related to the 5,000 shares of stock held by the Mutual Life Insurance Company. The defendants then presented a motion to dissolve the temporary injunction. Arguments upon this motion were continued several days and were long and exhaustive. The decision of Judge Ball was on the motion to dismiss the injunction. During these arguments the annual meetings of the Illinois Central railway would have previously been continued from time to time.

The bill originally filed by Mr. Fish was based on the theory that the public policy act of Illinois prohibited foreign corporations from holding and voting stock in Illinois corporations, save in certain exceptions allowed by statute. The complainants contended that the fact that certain violations were allowed by the statute proved that the public policy act should hold good in this instance.

AUSTRALIA WILL HAVE GREAT ARMY

Representative on His Way to England to Study Transportation.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—Capt. A. Moreland, chief of the army corps of Sydney, Australia, arrived here yesterday on an American liner on his way to London and Aldershot, England, where he will take a special course of instruction in transportation, the object of which will be to acquaint himself with the art of the provisioning of the great army which Australia is now training under the system of compulsory military education. Captain Moreland has already completed a tour through China and Japan. He expects during his journey across America to study the military system of this country.

EXCHEQUER JUDGE.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The names of E. L. Newcombe, deputy minister of justice, and E. D. Lafleur, K. C., of Montreal, are mentioned in connection with the vacancy in the Exchequer court caused by the death of Mr. Justice Burbridge.

THOUSANDS WANTED FOR RAILWAY WORK

General Booth Says Salvation Army is Considering Canadian Offer.

(Special to The Times)
London, Feb. 20.—Five hundred of the eight hundred emigrants willing to-day to go to British Columbia under the terms of the Salvation Army agreement with the British Columbia government are mainly agricultural laborers and female domestics.

General Booth, addressing them, defended the army's emigration policy. A \$50,000 was being considered "to place 5,000 to 5,500 men on railway construction work in Canada."

REVELATIONS COMING.

Prince de Sagan Will Expose Cousin, Count Boni de Castellane.

Paris, Feb. 20.—A magistrate took the disposition of Prince Helie de Sagan in accordance with his charges of forgery against an unknown author of letters which Count Boni de Castellane, his cousin, produced in court during the course of the recent assault case. Prince de Sagan maintained accusations both against the former and against Count Boni, as the user of the forged documents, and promised interesting revelations in the near future.

PRESIDENT OF FARMERS' BANK.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, at the meeting of the Farmers' Bank yesterday, retired from the presidency, and the directors immediately met and appointed Col. James Munro president, John Gilchrist, vice-president, and W. R. Travers, general manager.

STOESSEL IS CONDEMNED TO DIE

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—Lieut.-General Stoessel has been sentenced to death.

The court demands that the sentence be commuted to ten years' imprisonment.

HID BY DAY IN CHINESE COFFIN

AT NIGHT DISGUISED AS RUSSIAN GIRL

Melodrama of Two Continents Bound Up in Horace G. McKinley.

Portland, Feb. 20.—A melodrama could surpass the story of Horace G. McKinley, an Oregon land fraudster, against whom over an hundred indictments are pending, and who will reach here to-morrow morning from "Frisco," where he arrived.

Since yesterday the real facts of McKinley's escape from Mukden (Manchuria) jail have been disclosed. He smuggled a note to an outlaw organization known as the Hung Hu Tsu organization, composed of bad men from all parts of the world, with headquarters at Mukden. A reply came telling him to enter the toilet room of his cell at 8 o'clock on the night of November 15th last, and show on the wall, which would fall out, it said.

Hung Hu Tsu members carried McKinley off in a sack, hiding him, by day in a Chinese coffin, and letting him out at nights disguised as a Russian girl.

The Chinese government offered \$4,000 reward as a courtesy to the United States, and a greedy Russian betrayed him at Harbin on December 27th.

SECURED RELEASE OF U. S. CITIZEN

Dr. Dubouchet Was Arrested on Charge of Aiding Russian Revolutionists.

Odesa, Feb. 20.—Dr. Dubouchet, the American citizen who was arrested recently in Odesa on the charge of being connected with the revolutionary organization, was released yesterday afternoon, but was ordered to leave Russia within ten days.

When Dr. Dubouchet was taken into custody the police refused him permission to consult the American consul. The matter was then taken up by Ambassador Riddle at St. Petersburg, and the foreign office permitted the prisoner to talk with the representative of his country, who soon secured his release.

Dr. Dubouchet probably will join his wife in Switzerland. She is a Russian woman of noble birth, who, it has been declared, spent a large part of her fortune in aiding the Russian revolutionary movement. Dr. Dubouchet, who has lived in Odesa for a number of years, was arrested on the order of the governor-general because of his prominent professional and social position.

PURE CONDENSED MILK.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The Inland Revenue Bulletin urges that a legal standard for condensed milk be established.

LONDON TIMES IS STILL ON MARKET

Old Lady of Printing House Square to Go by Public Competition.

London, Feb. 20.—The Times is still in the market according to a statement made by the solicitors now engaged in the litigation over the newspaper's disposal. Its proprietors, it is said, favor its sale by some form of public competition, and any proposal or scheme in this direction would be submitted to the judge having charge of the case.

Meantime C. W. A. Moberly Bell, the manager of the Times, denies that he is acting as the prospective purchaser for an American syndicate.

AMERICAN AUTO STILL IN LEAD

Russian Government Will Help Cars Speeding Through Siberia.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Feb. 20.—The American car in the New York to Paris race arrived at Kettlesville early this morning. The machine was stalled in the snow drifts for the greater part of the night. The French car came in shortly after noon.

FRENCH TROOPS ROUTED BY MOORS

CASA BLANCA ARMING AGAINST MULAI HAFID

General D'Amade Cut Off from Sett—Greatest Anxiety Prevails.

Paris, Feb. 20.—A special dispatch from Tangier states that the French steamer Maloc from Casa Blanca reports that Gen. D'Amade, venturing too far beyond Sett, had his communications cut by the followers of Mulai Hafid, who in great force routed all the French outlying posts. The greatest anxiety prevails. It is said, at Casa Blanca.

Spanish troops are preparing to defend the city according to the report brought by the Maloc and marines have been landed from the French cruiser Kleber. It is further reported that a French column stationed not far from Rabat has been defeated by the tribesmen with great loss.

Premier Clemenceau last night issued a vehement denial of the reports that fresh troops had been ordered to Morocco or that Gen. D'Amade had withdrawn the garrison from Casa Blanca, adding that the latest dispatches from Rear Admiral Philbert stated that all was calm.

BRUTAL MURDER.

Dismembered Body of Man Found in Flatbush District of Brooklyn, New York.

New York, Feb. 20.—The dismembered body of a man believed to have been a victim of a mysterious Black Hand murder was discovered in a dump in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn to-day. The trunk of the body had been cut in two and portions of the arms and legs were missing, while the face was so slashed as to make the features almost unrecognizable. The severed portions of the body were wrapped in oilcloth and tied in two separate packages. Some clothing remained on the body. Detectives are at work on the case.

CRUSADE AGAINST BARS.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—The Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance, which meets in annual convention in a few days, will demand of the Ontario government the immediate enactment of a law abolishing the bar and making the treating system a criminal offense.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

Formerly private secretary to J. C. Fargo, president of the American Express Company, was arrested here last night at the request of the New York state authorities on charges of forgery and defalcation.

DARING ROBBERY IN NEW ORLEANS

Plate Glass Windows Smashed and Diamonds Taken Worth \$50,000.

New Orleans, Feb. 20.—A \$50,000 diamond robbery in broad daylight in the heart of New Orleans with hundreds of persons passing at the time; was perpetrated here yesterday afternoon at the jewelry establishment of M. Waldhorn & Co., Royal street.

Two men drove up in front of the store in a buggy. One of them alighted and smashed one of the large plate glass windows in front of the store. He seized two trays filled with diamonds and jumped into the buggy, which was driven off.

A large crowd started in pursuit, but the men, buggy and horse were soon lost to sight in a cloud of dust in the old French quarter.

The proprietors of the jewelry store say the tray contained 112 diamond rings.

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HOPE FOR POLICY HOLDEES.

Negotiations Between Defunct Mutual Reserve and Imperial Life of Canada.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—It is understood that negotiations are on for re-insurance of the policy holders of the Mutual Reserve Life of New York with the Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada.

While the negotiations with the latter are not absolutely completed, it is believed that satisfactory arrangements will be made. It has been stated that the amount to be paid for re-insurance will be about \$250,000. There is now on deposit with the government about \$265,000, and the Toronto General Trusts Corporation holds an additional \$75,000.

HARNESSING NIAGARA FALLS

BRITISH EXPERT TELLS OF HIS FINDINGS

Development of Power Would Greatly Impair Characteristics of Beauty Spot.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—Dr. W. J. Spencer, the British scientist commissioned by the geological survey of Canada to investigate the Niagara Falls problem, discussed yesterday the effect of the utilization of its waters by power plants upon its scenic beauty.

At the instance of the American civilization, Dr. Spencer has appeared before the house, rivers and harbors committee and presented data concerning the petition of the Ontario Power Company for a franchise. To develop this power would require 40,000 cubic feet of water per second, which Dr. Spencer contends is from 25 to 35 per cent. of the discharge of Niagara river and would greatly impair the characteristics of the whirlpool rapids, lower the river bed up to the falls, break up the surface rock at the foot of the American falls, and Goat Island, and thereby cause a more rapid recession of the Horseshoe.

As the beginning of these rapids is marked by a rim over which the flow of water is already thin, the diversion of the water would destroy about 800 feet of flow on the eastern side of the great Horseshoe and break up the American falls into separated streams.

The total length of both falls would, in the opinion of Dr. Spencer, be contracted roughly from 4,000 feet to 1,600 feet and the diameter of the falls from 1,200 to 800 feet. This diversion of the water would produce a horseshoe so that what remains would be entirely on the Canadian side of the boundary line.

He argued that the lowering of the water in the basin above the upper rapids would increase the slope of the river so that the surface of Lake Erie will be lowered by three feet, which in turn would lower Lakes Huron and Michigan. Already with a partial use, Lake Erie has been lowered ten inches. This amount of lowering includes that of the Chicago canal, which at present is taking 5,000 cubic feet a second.

In connection with the calculations for repairing the harbors and canals thus damaged the United States engineers calculated that to increase the depth of the Chicago canal even one foot would cost over \$12,000,000.

"FRISCO NOT YET FREE OF BUBONIC PLAGUE

Rats Must Be Annihilated Says Federal Expert, Dr. Rupert Blue.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—In an interview on local sanitary conditions last night, Dr. Rupert Blue, government expert in bubonic plague extermination, said: "The expert disease exterminators assigned to duty in San Francisco feel it their duty not to alarm the people of San Francisco or of the county, but for the benefit of the city and the country generally, a campaign of rat extermination and sanitation is compulsory."

"There have been two human cases of plague in San Francisco in the last 48 days. The danger is not over by any means. We find that of the rats exterminated during the last two weeks one and three-tenths per cent. are infected. The infection among the rats can only be obliterated by annihilating the rats themselves."

"I am pleased to state that with the assistance of the citizens health committee and the local health authorities, federal services have increased the rat catching during the past two weeks very materially."

CONSERVATIVE NOMINEE.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 19.—Hon. Dr. Reame, minister of public works for Ontario, was unanimously chosen by North Essex Conservatives for the next provincial elections.

COMMISSIONERS RESIGN.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—Two of the commissioners of the Toronto license board have resigned because of the action of the city council in cutting off 24 licenses.

CORPORATIONS ESCAPING TAXES

AN INVESTIGATION WILL BE CALLED FOR

Public Accounts Committee Will Be Asked to Go Into the Subject.

A meeting of the public accounts committee of the provincial parliament is called for Monday next.

This is unusual, and is notable for that reason. Although this committee has been appointed with uniform regularity from session to session, it has not been called together for business for quite a number of years.

The attention of parliament was directed to this fact several weeks ago, when Stuart Henderson formally moved that the public accounts be referred to the committee this session.

Whilst the purpose of getting this special direction from parliament that the accounts should be referred to the committee is said to have been intended merely as a declaration of principle, on general grounds, that its functions should not be allowed to lapse altogether, there is some suggestion for the idea that the attention of the committee will be invited to some particular enquiries this year.

For instance notices of motion are being sent out to ask the auditor-general and the surveyor of taxes to attend as witnesses, for the purpose of assisting in the elucidation of a proposition that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company is permitted to escape taxation which they should be called upon to pay in this province.

The case which has been set up for the committee's investigation is said to be something like this. The B. C. Southern Railway was given an exemption from taxation on their lands, on condition that the lands should be offered for sale at government prices. Was this condition observed, and if not, what is the extent of the company's liability? Evidence will be produced. It is said that these lands were never offered at government prices.

The area of taxable lands connected with this railway of the C. P. R. is said to be about \$2,000,000. The rate of taxation to which they are subject at a valuation of one dollar an acre, is four cents an acre, or \$100,000 annually. Valuing the land at government prices, or \$2.50 an acre, and the taxation to which these lands are subject, would amount to \$300,000 or thereabouts.

The position of the Columbia & Western Railway, with respect to its liability for taxes is also slated for enquiry, as well as the coal lands, said to be held by the Wellington Colliery Company in the Esquimalt & Nanaimo grant.

It is expected that the committee will be engaged for several days.

SUFFRAGETTES AND THE BETTER HALF

Agitation Not All One Sided in New York State.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Women of all ages, sizes, complexions and degrees of militancy and dressmaking display mingled with racetrack followers, ministers, politicians and the generally curious about the legislative corridors to-day to attend the hearing on the proposed constitutional amendment which would strike the limiting word "male" from the constitutional provision regarding the right to vote.

This hearing, held in interest with that on race-track bills, and was held in the senate chamber, while the racing question was being thrashed out in the assembly chamber.

The suffragettes by no means had it all their own way, for strong delegations of women from all parts of the state were present in opposition to the woman suffrage proposition. Later in the afternoon the women of both sides crowded the executive chamber to present their arguments pro and con to Governor Hughes.

The arguments were practically the same as those which have been presented for several years past. The supporters of the bill argued in favor of giving the women a voice in elections and abolishing taxation without representation, while those opposed contended that there was no great demand for woman suffrage, and that women had sufficient duties already without burdening them with those of politics.

QUEBEC'S NEW GOVERNOR?

Montreal, Feb. 20.—It is reported that Hon. Arthur Boyer will succeed His Honor Sir L. A. Jetté, K. C. M. G., as governor of Quebec.

NEW ASSISTANT ENGINEER.

Winnipeg, Feb. 20.—W. A. Astley, formerly engineer at Dawson City, has been appointed assistant city engineer here.

NEW MINISTER AT TANGIER.

Madrid, Feb. 20.—Señor Merry Del Val, a brother of Cardinal Merry Del Val, pontifical secretary of state, has been appointed Spanish minister at Tangier.

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At the regular meeting of the Victoria Association Football League, held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms last night, it was decided to purchase medals for the members of the winning team. A committee, consisting of C. G. Duncan and E. M. Whyte, was appointed to make the purchases.

Ed. Whyte will be unable to play in the soccer match on Saturday as his leg, which has been troubling him since he was kicked at Ladysmith some weeks ago, has been getting worse, and this morning he had to go

to the hospital to have it dressed. He will be missed by the Y. M. C. A. team.

Very little business was done by the Motor Club at its meeting last night. Three new members were admitted—A. E. Roberts, Dr. Gordon Cummings and B. S. Helstern.

There will be a special meeting of the club tonight for the purpose of appointing a sanitary inspector in place of J. Wilson. There are forty-seven applicants for the office, so the council will have a difficult matter to deal with.



PROPOSED HOME FOR VICTORIA YACHT CLUB.

The yacht club house shown above is the style of building the committee will recommend to the yacht club to erect. It is a floating house 125 feet long and 75 feet wide with two stories, the lower exclusively for motor boats, and the upper for drying sails and for club rooms.

This motor garage and yacht club house is estimated to cost \$4,500 and the committee will have a complete scheme

outlined to finance the same so that work may be commenced at once. It will have a capacity for 30 motor boats each 25 feet long. There will also be a float and shed at the back where the dinghies for use as tenders for the yachts may be stored.

The meeting to-night in the offices of F. L. Neale will be of a semi-public nature, anyone interested in yachting or motor-boating being invited to at-

tend. It is understood that a club meeting will be held within a few days in order to allow the new applicants for membership to be elected before the annual general meeting of the club. In that way the new members will be able to take their share in the election of officers and the general policy of the club.

The meeting to-night is called for 8 o'clock.

PROVINCIAL ACT TO BE TESTED

STEPS TAKEN TO
HAVE COURTS DECIDE

Japanese Landed From Tosa
Maru Have Been Placed
Under Restraint.

The new Natal Act, which has just lately been passed by the local legislature, and which came into force a day or two ago, is being tested and it will not be very long before a decision has been arrived at. Yesterday the Tosa Maru arrived with 23 Japanese passengers aboard who landed in this city. The local inspector, L. Eaton, was not out to meet the steamer. As he did not come the Japanese were allowed to land after passing the Dominion immigration officer.

This morning the Japanese have been located at the boarding houses of their countrymen. Eleven of them are at the boarding house on Piquard street, of whom nine were this morning given the educational test by Inspector Eaton. None of them were able to pass the test. Of seven located on Herald street, three were able to pass the test. The others are staying at Neale's boarding house on Store street. Out of 19 examined only three were able to pass the test.

The minister of justice has wired instructions to Lieut.-Col. Gregory, who will defend any prosecutions under the act, and he will undertake the defence of applications for habeas corpus which may be necessary, thus affording an opportunity to test the validity of the provincial act at the earliest time.

Arrangements have been made by the provincial government to have the Japanese detained at the boarding houses until a test case has been heard. It may be that Lieut.-Col. Gregory will bring a test case before the supreme court this afternoon, directly after the full court adjourns unless word comes from New Westminster that the case referred to in the Times has been decided there. The chief justice went over to the mainland last night and it is probable that an application will be made before him in the matter to-day. There seems to be a desire on the part of all concerned to have a test case passed upon and carried to the full court at the very earliest date, so as to have a clear understanding on the subject.

E. & N. ENGINE DERAILED.
Accident Due to Open Switch on Short Line Back of Ladysmith.

(Special to The Times.)
Ladysmith, Feb. 20.—Engine No. 16 on the short line track ran into an open switch at 10 o'clock last night and was derailed. Engine No. 11, a small yard engine with Clifford Lemothy at the throttle pulled her on this morning.

No. 11 was found to be practically uninjured. The miners were delayed in going on shift about two hours.

Frank Babe, proprietor of the Frank Hotel, has returned after a few days' visit to Victoria.

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BRITAIN WITHDRAWING TROOPS FROM TIBET

Movement is Preparatory to
Signing of Anglo-Chinese
Treaty.

Pekin, Feb. 19.—The final signing of the Anglo-Chinese treaty concerning Tibetan trade has been delayed by differences which have arisen over several minor points. The British legation here, however, has informed China that the British troops who have been stationed in the Chumbi Valley in Tibet, are being withdrawn, and this movement to evacuate Tibet before the signing of the treaty is interpreted as an act of good will, the purpose of which is to facilitate an agreement.

CANADA'S OLDEST WOMAN IS DEAD

Mrs. Elizabeth Lunn Had At-
tained Ripe Age of
119.

(Special to The Times.)
Hamilton, Feb. 20.—Word has been received here of the death near Waterford of Mrs. Elizabeth Lunn, the oldest woman in Canada. Mrs. Lunn was an Indian woman, and claimed to be 119 years of age.

She had many children, but they predeceased her, and she had resided for the past few years with her granddaughter, Mrs. Henry Mike, who is now an old woman. Until five years ago Mrs. Lunn was in possession of all her faculties, but since then she has been totally blind, otherwise she enjoyed good health until her final sickness. For over 100 years she had been drawing the Indian allowance.

PRINCIPALSHIP OF NEW COLLEGE

Rev J. Mackay Accepts Post in
Projected Presbyterian In-
stitution on Coast.

(Special to The Times.)
Montreal, Feb. 20.—Rev. John Mackay has definitely decided to accept the principalship of the New Presbyterian college to be established probably in Vancouver, and at a meeting of the board of management of Crescent Street Presbyterian church last evening he formally presented his decision. Rev. J. Mackay will sever his connection with the Crescent church on Sunday, March 8th, and within that week will leave for the Pacific coast to assume his new duties.

The impression seems to have made its way that Mr. Mackay is a graduate of McGill university and the Montreal Presbyterian church. This, however, is not the case. He received his degree in arts from Toronto university, while he studied for the ministry abroad, receiving ordination at the United Free church of Glasgow. Upon his return to Canada he was appointed to the pastorate of Crescent church in September, 1902, where he has won for himself an esteemed place among local clergymen and also with his congregation.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND ACT

PROVISION MADE FOR DEALING WITH G. T. P.

Changes Proposed in Bill Brought Down to the Legislature Yesterday.

The bill introduced by the chief commissioner yesterday to amend and consolidate the laws affecting crown lands, makes quite a few changes with respect to the land and water laws of the province. With respect to the pre-emption of surveyed land, wherein it is specified that the applicant must make a declaration as to the land, the following provision is added:

Provided, however, that in cases of the survey of lands by the crown, or of lands the survey of which has been gazetted, in which the area of a lot, or of a sub-division of a township, exceeds one hundred and sixty acres, the chief commissioner of lands and works shall have power to permit of a pre-emptor recording such lot or sub-division, but such excess area shall in no case be more than twenty acres.

Provided further, that any person desiring to pre-empt in a quarter section of land being a sub-division of a township, or a portion of a surveyed lot, the survey of which has been gazetted, must confine such application to one particular quarter of such section or lot, or legal sub-division thereof, and shall not be permitted to include any portion of another quarter section, or lot, or any additional land outside the boundaries thereof.

Another section provides for hand licenses being issued in the northern part of British Columbia. It is as follows:

1. In addition to the special licenses authorized by section 53 of this act, and notwithstanding the reserve placed upon timber by order in council, dated 24th December, 1907, the chief commissioner of lands and works may, upon payment of the sum of \$50 therefor, grant a general license to any person to cut timber from such crown lands, not being timber limits, situated on the mainland of British Columbia and north of an imaginary line drawn east and west from Rivers Inlet, and within the 127th meridian, and within such area as may be specified or designated in such license; but such license shall be personal, and shall only grant authority to the licensee to cut timber as a hand logger, and such license shall be in force for one year from the date thereof, and no longer.

A proviso is made respecting Indian reserve lands which gives the government the power to deal with the G. T. P. in respect to the Indian lands at

Prince Rupert, concerning which negotiations are now in progress. It reads as follows:

Provided always, that it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to, at any time, grant, convey, sell or dispose of, on such terms as may be deemed advisable, the interest of the province, reversionary or otherwise, in any Indian reserve, or any portion thereof, to such person or persons as may have secured from the Dominion government and the Indians a grant or surrender of their rights in such reserve or portion thereof. Provided that a return of any alienation made under the provisions of this section be submitted to the legislature at the next sitting following such alienation, within fifteen days after the opening thereof.

Another new section reads as follows:

There shall be reserved a strip of land, one chain in width, measured from high-water mark, from all crown land extending to the sea, or any inlet thereof. The land so reserved, or any portion thereof, may be used for a highway, or may be leased or granted upon such terms as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may deem proper.

Another new section provides as follows:

In any application under the provisions of this act regarding which any adverse claim or protest may have been lodged, or objection taken, the chief commissioner of lands and works, or the assistant commissioner of lands and works for the district, when so directed by the chief commissioner of lands and works, shall have power to hear, settle and determine the rights of the adverse claimants, and to make such order in the premises as he may deem just, and for all and any of the purposes aforesaid he shall have full power to summon and examine under oath the parties and witnesses, but such decision and order, if made by an assistant commissioner, if any, shall be subject to review by the chief commissioner of lands and works, and subject to appeal as provided by section 196 of this act. Provided that, in case any dispute as to the staking arises, the right to the completion of the application may be completed according to priority of such staking.

AMERICA'S TRADE SUFFERS IN ORIENT

U. S. Will Interfere in Manchuria on Behalf of China.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—Rumors to the effect that the state department intended to address a protest to Japan against her attitude in Manchuria, and that this was to be done upon the basis of the Chinese government's protest, met with an unequivocal denial at the state department. It is admitted that complaints have been made to the department that American trade is suffering in the Orient, but it is believed that other causes than Japan's attitude are responsible.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATURE

SEVERAL BILLS WERE ADVANCED A STAGE

John Jardine Objected to Superannuation Clauses of Civil Service Measure.

In the legislature yesterday a number of bills were advanced a stage. One of the important bills of the session, that relating to the crown land laws, was introduced. The new sections of the bill are referred to in another column of the present issue.

John Jardine took exception to the superannuation clauses of the civil service bill now before the House and wanted these struck out.

Provision is made for provincial parks in a bill introduced by Hon. F. Carter-Cotton.

Press Gallery, Feb. 19, The House met at 2:30 o'clock.

Home Act.

Mr. Macdonald introduced a bill to amend the Provincial Home Act.

New Bills.

The attorney-general introduced a bill to amend the Jurors' Act; also a bill to amend the Bills of Sale Act.

Hon. Mr. Fulton introduced a bill to amend the Interpretation Act.

Mr. Oliver moved that an order of the House be granted for a return of a copy of the Bulletin for the writing of which Mr. F. I. Clarke has been paid the sum of \$200. See votes and proceedings of February 14th, 1908.

The motion passed.

Questions Answered.

Dr. Kergin asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:

1. For how much of the 25,645 acres surveyed by Mr. A. W. Harvey in the Kispix valley had applications for purchase been made previous to survey?
2. For how many acres had applications for pre-emption been made previous to survey?
3. How many acres were available for pre-emption after completion of survey?
4. Will the applicants to purchase unsurveyed lands, which have since been surveyed by the government, be required to pay cost of survey?

Hon. F. J. Fulton replied as follows:

1. None. Some advertised but not applied for.
2. None.
3. 8,548 pre-emption; 8,548 purchase; 8,548 university (purchase).
4. Yes; 25 cents per acre.

Dr. Kergin asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:

1. How much of the 53,926 acres surveyed by Mr. J. H. Gray in the Bulkley valley had been pre-empted previous to survey?
2. For how much of the said 53,926 acres had applications to purchase been received previous to survey?
3. How much of the said 53,926 acres surveyed were available for pre-emption after completion of survey?
4. Will the applicants to purchase unsurveyed lands, which have since been surveyed by the government, be required to pay cost of survey?

Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows:

1. 330 acres (exclusive of scrip land).
2. None.
3. All except 520 acres previously pre-empted, and approximately 1,140 acres scrip land.
4. Yes; 25 cents per acre.

Note.—About 40,000 acres of above survey are in Bulkley valley, the remainder lying to the south.

John Oliver asked the Premier the following question:

What action has been taken by the government in respect to the resolution of the House passed on April 15th, 1907, re freight and passenger rates?

Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows:

An order in council, setting forth the matter as embodied in the resolution, was transmitted by the Hon. the Lieutenant-Governor to the Dominion government, through the Hon. the Secretary of State, Ottawa, on April 17th, 1907.

An acknowledgment, dated April 23rd, 1907, was received by His Honor from the Hon. the Secretary of State.

The matter was also set out by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary in a letter dated April 17th, 1907, to the board of railway commissioners, Ottawa, and an acknowledgment, dated April 23rd, 1907, was received from Mr. A. D. Cartwright, secretary of the commission.

Railway Bills.

The bill to authorize the Ladysmith Lumber Company to construct and operate a logging railway, passed third reading.

The bill to incorporate the Crow's Nest and Northern Railway Company was further considered on report, when the following amendments were incorporated therein on motion of Mr. Ross:

That no aliens shall be employed on the railway during construction unless it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council that the company cannot be proceeded with without the employment of such aliens.

That the workmen, laborers or servants employed in or about the construction and operation of the railway shall be paid such rate of wages as may be currently payable to white workmen, laborers and servants engaged in similar operations in the district in which such railway is constructed and operated.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite observed that the member for Fernia had apparently brought in the amendments to cover up the tracks he made in voting against Mr. Williams' anti-Oriental clause of the previous day. He suggested that it would not be difficult to satisfy the government that white labor was not available.

John Oliver pointed out that such provisions embodying the term "alien" had been declared unconstitutional.

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notably in the case of the Union Colliery Company—and that it would therefore be ineffective in this bill. The report on the bill was adopted.

Third Reading.

The bill respecting the Dominion Trust Company passed third reading.

The bill to incorporate the Eastern British Columbia Railway Company (the Corbin bill), was committed, C. W. Munro in the chair.

On motion of W. Ross the following sections were substituted for sections 3 to 21, as they stood in the bill as it was introduced to the House:

3. The company may lay out, construct and operate a railway of the gauge of four feet eight and one-half inches from a point on the south fork of Michel creek, at or near the point known as "The Loop," on the Crow's Nest branch of the western division of the Canadian Pacific railway; thence running in a southerly direction up the said creek to the mouth of the east fork of said creek; thence up said east fork of said creek in an easterly and southerly direction to a point in the southerly boundary of Lot 4,999, Group 1, Kootenay district, a distance of fourteen miles, more or less: Provided that nothing in this act or in the Railway Act contained shall be deemed to authorize the company to build any branch line to any point nearer the international boundary than the southerly boundary of said Lot 4,999.

21. The company shall, within six months after the coming into force of this act, deposit with the minister of finance and agriculture the sum of \$5,000, either in cash or securities approved by said minister, as security that the company will expend not less than \$10,000 in surveys or construction of the railway hereby authorized to be built before the first day of December, A. D. 1908, and in default of such expenditure the aforesaid deposit of money or securities shall be forfeited to and become the property of the government; and should such security not be deposited as aforesaid, or should such expenditure not be made within such time, all the rights and privileges conferred by this act shall be null and void.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite asked for an explanation of these amendments.

Mr. Ross remarked that the company at first proposed to build fifty miles of road. Objection was found to this in that the route of the railway practically overlapped that of the Southeast Kootenay Railway Company, who had complied with the statutory requirements to hold their charter. In the railway committee it had been pointed out that the investment of the Southeast Kootenay Railway Company would suffer if the second charter were granted, and this had occasioned conflict between the respective interests. In the re-drafted section the Corbin company asked right of way for only fourteen miles of road to afford transportation facilities to the coal deposits owned by them, the other company having consented to this arrangement.

A. E. McPhillips said that the point of contention in the committee was that the interests of the Southeast Kootenay Railway Company, which the legislature was morally obligated to protect them in, would have been adversely affected by giving the Corbin company the right to build practically over the same route. This objection was removed by the arrangement made between the companies, and there was no longer any conflict of interests in the present proposal he thought it should be assented to.

With respect to the second section, Mr. Ross explained that it simply reduced the amount of the bond to be given to ensure construction of the road to conforming to public interests in the undertaking.

Upon motion of Mr. Oliver, the capitalization of the company was reduced to \$750,000, and the bonding power was reduced to \$7,500 per mile.

The bill was reported complete as amended.

Nicola Road.

The bill to incorporate the Vancouver and Nicola Valley Railway Company was committed, Fred Davy in

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THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN
TIMBER.

Timber men and consumers of timber in the United States, we gather from observations in American newspapers, are deeply interested in the virgin forests of British Columbia and their probable disposition. But the interest displayed in the East in based upon grounds entirely different from the grounds we as the owners of the timber ought to have in the matter. The timber supply of the United States is running short. A timber famine is in sight. The supply has not been exhausted, it is true, but it is approaching so near to the point of exhaustion as to materially affect some industries. It is already affecting one industry, and that industry one of unquestioned political influence, so prejudicially that an imperative demand has arisen for the abolition of the duty on pulp wood. We refer, of course, to the newspaper industry. The proprietors of the great journals of New York have recently drawn attention to the fact that their business has become unprofitable owing to the operations of the paper trust. These newspapers insist that the duty on pulp wood or on paper shall be removed in order that they may have access to the supplies still existing in abundance in Canada. But the manufacturers of the United States have exercised their hitherto unquestioned prerogative. They have vetoed the demand of the newspaper men. It remains to be seen which influence is the more powerful in Congress. In the meantime the prerogative of the legislature to put off the evil day has been exercised. The newspaper proprietors have been told there shall be no revision of the tariff until after the presidential election.

The New York Post, whose opinions on the timber question we published the other day, assumes that the government of this province has taken measures to conserve our wealth in timber. We know such is very far from being the fact. Some authorities claim enough of our timber wealth has been alienated to meet all probable demands for a hundred years. It is an admitted fact that all immediately accessible sources of supply have passed into the hands (principally) of speculators, mostly from the United States. More than six million acres have been staked and leased. The government only stopped the game of grab after its friends had satisfied themselves.

Speaking to a representative of the Nelson News lately, Mr. G. O. Buchanan, president of the Interior Board of Trade, a practical lumberman, said:

"We were unable in the meeting of the Board of Trade at Moyle to endorse in any sense the request of the lumbermen for an extension of the term of their licenses from 21 to 42 years, which we construed to mean practically life tenure. We took the ground that the government under its license system never intended to convey more timber than that required for immediate use. If men have improvidently loaded themselves up with a hundred years' cut of timber under licenses which are only good for 21 years, they have no right to expect the government to surrender entirely its reversionary rights in order to make good their speculations. A few years ago the licenses were annual, with no agreement for renewal. At the request of the lumbermen the term was extended first to five years, then to sixteen and then to twenty-one, the legislature always taking the ground that they desired to let out of their hands only so much timber as was required for immediate purposes, retaining the balance for a better price later on."

"As to the value of timber in the near future, continued Mr. Buchanan, it is apparent that in a few years British Columbia will have almost a monopoly and will get her own price. Stumpage in Ontario, Wisconsin and Minnesota is now bringing from \$10 to \$12 a thousand feet, and in less than 20 years it will be worth that here."

On Mr. Buchanan being asked as to whether there were not many local men loaded up with timber holdings, he replied: "Unfortunately there are a few, but I believe the bulk of the 10,000 licenses that have been taken out in the last few years are already in the hands of non-residents, mostly aliens. These men bought from the locators at nominal prices and in full view of the limitations of the license. Any beneficial change now granted would accrue chiefly to the benefit of foreign speculators and enable them in years to come to more effectively pinch the resident British Columbia mill owner."

"How much timber has the government let out?" Mr. Buchanan was asked.

"Under these new licenses about 6,500,000 acres, said to contain some 100,000,000,000 feet of lumber, were reported last year were just short of half a billion feet, and even of this it must be remembered that half the mills in the province were working on Dominion leases or old provincial leases or on granted lands."

"Has the province still a large amount of timber ungranted?"
"If they have," replied Mr. Buchanan, "it is because no one of the thousand men who were cruising last summer knew where to find it. I mean, of course, good, accessible timber."
"Do the lumbermen agree that the government may increase the royalty?"
"Yes; but they know perfectly well the royalty can never be increased to any appreciable extent because many mills are located where they have access to inferior timber only, or to such as is too costly to log. These mills cannot stand a high royalty."

"What course do you advocate?"
"The government to sit tight, to make no changes in the law without full investigation, to issue no more licenses upon any terms until it is evident that a legitimate demand exists for timber for manufacture, and to then provide for the sale of the right of the timber berths by public auction."

"At Ontario prices, what would the government derive upon lands carrying 25,000 to the acre, which is said to be a very ordinary stand for this province?"

"Two hundred and fifty dollars per acre, or \$150,000 per square mile. In addition to what they are getting now. One hundred such sections would pay the provincial debt and the sale of 25 such sections per annum would meet the present revenue requirements of this province."

Mr. Buchanan's views are of interest as showing the manner in which the available timber wealth of the province, property which should have been administered for the benefit of its owners, the public, has been dissipated by the McBride government.

THE WEATHER AND OTHER THINGS.

The telegraph reports another severe blizzard in the East, affecting practically all parts of the country. Only a few weeks ago the same telegraph told us the winter in the frigid zone had been the mildest on record, whereas all the inhabitants and the railway companies clapped their hands. Favorable weather with light snowfall had saved transportation interests millions of dollars. But suddenly there was a change. The temperature fell and the snow descended. Now the denizens are shivering in furs and the railways are estimating their expenditures for the maintenance of way, which includes keeping their tracks clean, at millions of dollars. However, the Mark Tapleys of the East maintain a marked cheerfulness of demeanor under the most depressing circumstances. They point out that inclemency of weather means employment for the unemployed and it gives the ladies an opportunity of displaying their costly furs. Then again, like certain faith healers, they say cold is only a figment of the imagination. Thermometers may inform them that the temperature is so many degrees below zero, but really they do not feel it. The atmosphere is so dry that it acts like new wine upon the vital organs, stimulating circulation and causing a genial glow to permeate the physical being. Of course the cynic living along the Pacific Coast cannot appreciate the point of view of these people of sublime faith. He asks what about the poor unfortunate, destitute of faith and imagination, who get caught in blizzards and cannot find their way out? Some of them must have limbs amputated to avoid corruption setting in in vital parts of their bodies. Not a few have been frozen to death. Yes; we admit there are advantages to set against these things. We have no winter sports on the ice in this part of the world where the thermometer does not trouble and the curling stone is unknown. The merry tinkle of the sleighbell is never heard in the land, neither doth the fur cap make its appearance in our streets. But there are compensations. The song of the lark in anticipation of spring and matrimonial duties is a most grateful substitute for the jingle of bells and the metallic ring of the skate upon the ice. We admit there are some who profess dissatisfaction with conditions here, in whom climatic attractions are obscured by issues which have reference to so-called "class-consciousness"; but even our friend Conrad Hawthornthwaite is not so ill-satisfied as his speeches would indicate. You could never drive him off his comfortable perch as the representative of Nanaimo by pointing out that in some other portion of the globe Socialism is verging on triumph.

Our estimable contemporary the Woman's Home Companion informs us in confidence that Jack London is safe. To be frank and candid, we never had any misgivings about Jack's safety. He embarked in his little boat exclusively for advertising purposes, and having achieved his object, Mr. London took care to be found in good physical condition and fine literary fettle. The author who writes interestingly of the wilds and of the nature of half-wild and half-domesticated animals will now have an interesting story to tell of his experiences in a comparatively small boat in the vastnesses of the ocean. He has prepared the use of this product by means peculiar to present day novelists, who realize the intrinsic value of a good advertisement. We hope the proprietors of the Woman's Home Companion will find their venture and the adventure of their principal contributor profitable.

If the question is in order, we should like to ask Mr. Bowser why he, as the head of the Bar of the Province and the father of his own Natal Act, does not undertake to uphold the constitutionality of the measure in the courts? The Attorney-General cannot plead pressure of legislative business, because he has lately appeared in court on behalf of private clients, and that at a time when his presence appeared to be necessary. Robert Cassidy, K. C., is an able man, we admit, but he is not Mr. Bowser, and the point involved is most important.

A Thaw Jury Association is to be formed in New York. Members of the two juries which sat upon the case of Mr. Thaw are eligible. The object is said to be to keep green the memory of the many days spent in hearing the evidence of Evelyn and others, to discuss ethical questions bearing upon brain-storms, the unwritten law and such other subjects as may be of interest to the ex-jurors in their state of emancipation. The association will dine in convocation at least once a year. Mr. and Mrs. Thaw, if the marital bonds hold, may be guests of honor at these functions. Yes; the world do move.

Ambassador Field cannot understand why the idea should have got abroad that a war between Japan and the United States was imminent. Neither can anyone else, unless the idea was founded upon the statement of Admiral Bob Evans that the fleet was going to the Pacific prepared for either a fight or a frolic.

The depression has hit Victoria in a peculiar way. Although the month of February is only about half over, the building permits already exceed those of previous month, while the total for the new year is more than \$111,000.

General Stoessel has been condemned to death. If the Czar permits the sentence to be carried out, his Majesty deserves whatever fate may be in store for him.

Russia is going to construct a billion dollar navy. But before it puts to sea the Czar should make arrangements for a supply of officers of billion dollar calibre.

NEW ARBITRATION TREATY.
Negotiations Now in Progress Between Great Britain and America.

London, Feb. 20.—Fresh interest was aroused in parliament to-day, in the British-American negotiations for an arbitration treaty by the announcement that the United States senate had ratified the American-French treaty of arbitration, it being felt that this pre-empted the completion of a similar convention between this country and the United States.

An attempt was made in the House of Commons to draw out Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, on the matter, but Sir Edward replied that it would be premature to make any statement beyond saying that negotiations were proceeding.

BANKING HOUSE SUSPENDS.
(Special to the Times.)
Elmira, Feb. 20.—The A. G. Pratt banking house of Hammondsport did not open for business this morning. A long conference was held last night when it was decided to suspend business. The depositors number about 500, but no statement whether can be obtained as to the amount of assets or liabilities.

The bank was formed about eight years ago. The officers are Lyman Audis, president; Sanford Bedell, vice-president; Aaron Pratt, treasurer. None of these officers could be located to-day.

U. S. PACIFIC SQUADRON.
Armored Cruisers Arrive at Frisco After Target Practice.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 20.—The U. S. armored cruisers Colorado, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Texas, Admiral Dayton's squadron, arrived here this morning after their target practice at Magdalena Bay, and came to anchor near the battleship Nebraska.

NEW AMBASSADOR TO U. S. A.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—The formal reception of Baron Takahira, ambassador of Japan to the United States, took place at the White House this afternoon.

Last night the health and morals committee met and considered the case of the bawdy house on Herald street and other matters which had been referred to them by the city council. They will be ready to report to the council at the regular meeting on Monday night.

Mrs. W. A. McKeown, who has been spending the winter at the home of Alderman and Mrs. McKeown, will leave to-morrow evening for her home in White Horse. She will proceed by the Princess Beatrice to Skagway.

LARGER BRITISH NAVY.
This Year's Estimates to Be Increased.

It is understood that the cabinet has already considered the question of the army and navy estimates. Some slight uncertainty exists regarding the former, as it is by no means quite established that the territorial army will be evolved as cheaply as was anticipated, but Mr. Haldane is understood to be prepared for the possibility of certain slight modifications. Nevertheless, it is expected that he will be able to show that the new system is working well on the financial lines which he anticipated—viz., the expenditure of \$158,720,000.

As regards the navy, there will be an increase in the estimates, though not a large one. There will be no special scheme of battleship construction in reply to the efforts of other countries in this direction. This may be necessitated in the 1909-10 estimates, and there are many well-informed people who regard this course as practically certain. Estimates will this year more especially provide for cruiser and destroyer programmes—Old Country exchange.

Robert E. Peters, of Sioux, Iowa, who has just celebrated his ninety-fourth birthday, has been in the city police for seventy-five years, and claims the record of the oldest municipal officer in the United States.

NO ATTEMPT MADE

TO STOP JAPANESE

Tosa Maru Landed Immigrants

Without the Provincial Officers Being Present.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Tosa Maru, Captain J. Nagao, arrived at the outer wharf yesterday afternoon after a run of fifteen days from Yokohama. The Tosa Maru had on board about 3,000 tons of which only 147 tons consisting of rice and provisions were for this port. When two days out from Yokohama a stowaway named Kato was found in the hold and after being made to work hard for his food he was ordered to be deported.

This morning Dr. Milne, Dominion Immigration Officer, upon visiting the vessel found four more stowaways. These, together with the one found last evening and the quartermaster, who is charged with aiding the stowaways, have been placed under arrest and sent to jail awaiting deportation. This deportation of the quartermaster is in compliance with an arrangement reached by which he will go back on the Tosa Maru and be tried for the alleged offence in Japan.

The Tosa had no cases of infectious diseases on board and was not held at quarantine. The officers stated that the smallest score in Kobe was being successfully combated and gradually stamped out.

The steamship proceeded to-day to William Head quarantine to take on board the passengers which were detained from the Kaga Maru and who are bound for Seattle. The crew of the Kaga Maru were allowed to leave on board their steamer when she left a few days ago. The passengers were all detained however. To-day the passengers bound for United States ports will be allowed to go on board the Tosa Maru of the same line. The passengers for Canadian ports will be detained some days longer.

The new provincial inspector, L. H. Eaton, who was appointed under the Provincial Immigration Act, was not on hand yesterday when the steamer arrived, neither could he be found in all 24 passengers landed; one second class steerage and a stowaway for detention. Originally, 48 Japs were booked to land here, but on being read the conditions pointing out that they could not go into the United States or if they were they could not come back into Canada, only 28 were allowed to land by Dr. Milne.

WEST COAST
SHIPPING REPORT

(By Wireless.)
Tatoosh, Feb. 20, 9 a. m.—Clear; wind east, 18 miles; barometer 30.43; temperature, 41.
Pachena, Feb. 20, 9 a. m.—Clear; wind west.

Kesteven, Feb. 20, 9 a. m.—Clear, frosty and calm.
Tatoosh, Feb. 20, 1:30 p. m.—Clear; wind northeast, 25 miles; barometer, 30.40; temperature, 45. Inside bound outward steamer, red stack and black hull.

Pachena, Feb. 20, 3:30 p. m.—Fine, clear; wind west.
Carmarthen, Feb. 20, 9 a. m.—Light, northwest wind; clear; sea smooth; barometer, 30.30.
Cape Beale, Feb. 20, 9 a. m.—North wind; clear; sea smooth.
Carmarthen, Feb. 20, 1 p. m.—Moderate east wind; clear; sea smooth; barometer, 30.25; big steamer bound out at 12:30 p. m.
Cape Beale, Feb. 20, 1 p. m.—Calm; clear; sea smooth.

REEF LOCATED IN
STRAITS OF GEORGIA

Notice is Given to Mariners Concerning Danger Point in Local Waters.

The Agent of Marine and Fisheries at Vancouver has received information through the lightkeeper at Portler Pass, of the existence of a reef in the Strait of Georgia, with less than two fathoms on it and marked by light kept at low water, bearing, approximately, from Gabriola reef beacon, northeast, distant 14 miles. The nearest sounding to this reported shoal water, on Admiralty chart, No. 573, is 12 fathoms. An examination of this vicinity will be made as soon as practicable.

MARINE NOTES.
The C. P. R. steamer Amur on her last trip took north a large quantity of machinery for the Canadian Pacific Sulphite Pulp & Paper Company at Swanson Bay. The company has a large staff of men at work there now, preparing for the manufacture of pulp. The steamer Princess Beatrice will leave to-morrow night for Skagway, taking the run of the Princess May.

STRANGE SERIES OF WEDDINGS.

Seven Members of One Family Marry Seven of Another.

The funeral took place at Merstham, Surrey, England, recently of Mrs. Mary Ann Maynard, who reached the age of 100 on February 18th last, on which date she was the recipient of an autograph letter of congratulation from the Queen.

A remarkable fact in connection with Mrs. Maynard's life was that she was one of seven members of her family who married seven sons and daughters of a neighboring farmer named King.

Of the 24 members of the two families, Mrs. Maynard saw all but five carried to the grave. Mrs. Maynard was a woman of a particularly happy disposition. She was born at Crofton and was married in 1826. Mr. and Mrs. Maynard went to live at Merstham shortly after their marriage, where for thirty years they had a grocery and drapery business. The husband died in 1867. Until quite recently Mrs. Maynard's sight and hearing were remarkably good.

MARK TWAIN AT A "PUNCH" DINNER.

What happens at the "Wednesday" dinner of "Mr. Punch" is usually re-

A Few Week-End Bargains Which Will Reach Your Highest Expectations

Special in Black Sateen Underskirts Friday

To-morrow we are placing on sale a splendid range of Ladies' Sateen Underskirts. These are all this season's goods and are exceptionally fine quality and splendid values.

Ladies' Underskirts Priced at \$1.25	Ladies' Underskirts Priced at \$1.50
This lot includes Ladies' Black Sateen Underskirts, made with 19-inch flounce, flounce is accented with four small ruffles, is a splendid wearing article and priced for to-morrow's selling at	LADIES' BLACK SATEEN UNDERSKIRTS, made with deep flounce, 14 inches wide and finished with four small ruffles, is a splendid wearing article and priced for to-morrow at
\$1.25	\$1.50

Ladies' Underskirts Priced at \$1.75
LADIES' BLACK SATEEN UNDERSKIRT, made of extra quality sateen, with 14-inch shirred flounce and finished with two accented pleated frills, priced for to-morrow at
\$1.75

Special Bargains in Corset Covers on Friday

Regular Values 75c to \$1.25 for 25c

This lot comprises a number of sizes in 32 and 34-inch, and for a person who is able to make use of them is a bargain extraordinary. They are slightly soiled through being shown and handled, but a few minutes in the wash will soon remedy this little obstacle. The regular values were 75c to \$1.25, Special for to-morrow at

Axminster Rugs for Friday's Selling—Each \$2.00	White Net Bed Sets, Reg. \$6.50 Friday \$3.75
24 SAXONY AXMINSTER RUGS, size 27 in. x 54 in., in all designs and coloring. Have deep, rich wool pile and a beautiful Rug. Special price for Friday at	10 WHITE NET BED SETS, lace edge and insertion, deep ruffle on spread and bolster cover, medallion centre. Regular \$6.50. Friday, special
\$2.00	\$3.75

Runners & Squares at 90c

To-morrow we are placing on sale a splendid assortment of Runners and Squares. These are made of Muslin and Applique. Size of Runners are 18 x 72 and Squares are 36 x 36. Specially priced for to-morrow at

90c

Friday's Offering in Men's Underwear at \$1.00 Each

To-morrow we are offering a splendid bargain in Men's Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers. Size of shirts are 34, 36 and 38. Drawers are 32, 34 and 36, and are exceptionally good values. They are not the kind that will cause you to complain, but instead make you wish you had bought more. The special price for to-morrow is, each

\$1.00

Bargains in Mission Dining Room Furniture for To-morrow

Our February Furniture Sale, which is merrily going along, still offers a multitude of excellent money-saving opportunities, and we are listing in to-day's ad. some very special features in Mission Dining Room Furniture. This class of Furniture is rapidly growing in popularity, and deservedly so. It is simple in outline, restful, artistic and thoroughly practical, while the finish harmonizes with any color scheme you may desire. The workmanship put into these pieces from the "arts and crafts" is the best, while the prices quoted here are decidedly low.

Early English Sideboard, Reg. \$100 for \$80

EARLY ENGLISH SIDEBOARD, with full size base, surmounted with two leaded glass cabinets affixed to back. British bevel plate mirror at back. Regular value \$100.00, for

\$80.00

Early English Buffet Regular \$60 for \$48	Early English China Cabinet Regular \$30 for \$24
EARLY ENGLISH BUFFET, with three-quarter cabinet base and long leaded glass cabinet above top. British bevel plate mirror. Regular value \$60.00, for	EARLY ENGLISH CHINA CABINET, with square ends and leaded glass top, panels in door and sides, 4-grooved shelves. Regular value was \$30.00, for
\$48.00	\$24.00

Mission Dining Room Suites

These Suites consists of one buffet, one dining table, one china closet and one serving table, made of best selected ash and very nicely finished in early English style, and are exceptionally stirring values, which will no doubt move quickly. The prices for to-morrow are as follows:

Regular \$60, To-morrow for	Regular \$60, To-morrow for	Regular \$82, To-morrow for
\$45	\$49	\$64

Our Great Underpricings in Office Furniture

Roll Top Desk

Regular Value \$45
Special To-morrow, \$36.00

ROLL TOP DESK, made of birch, mahogany finish, has deep base and fitting cabinets, has two pedestals, contains 4 drawers each. Regular value of this fine desk was \$45.00. Special To-morrow at

\$36.00

Flat Top Desk
Regular Value \$17. Special To-morrow, \$13.50

This is a splendid Desk for the money we are offering it at. It is made of solid oak, well finished, and should leave the store in quick order. The regular value was \$17, but for to-morrow it is marked at

\$13.50

Flat Top Desk
Regular \$14, for \$11.50

Flat Top Office Desk, made of selected elm, well finished and which we venture to say cannot be duplicated elsewhere for the same price. The regular price of this piece of furniture was \$14. Specially priced for to-morrow at

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Local News

To make room for large spring stores, The Elite will sell \$3 and \$4 hats for 50c.

Try the 35c lunch and dinner at the Cozy Corner Cafe.

Removal Sale of Stoves, Ranges, etc. A. J. Clyde, 42 Johnson Street.

Tools, knives and scissors ground. Waites Bros., 59 Fort St.

If you do not rest well, it rests with you to have your pillows and mattress renovated at the Sanitary Feather Works. Phone 392 and they will do the rest.

This evening at 8:30 o'clock the annual banquet of No. 3 Company, Fifth Regiment, will be held at the Victoria hotel members of the company must appear in uniform.

A meeting of the Phenological Society will be held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms at 8 o'clock this evening all are welcome. Free readings are given.

E. Hodgson, of this city, has gone to Malakoff Island for the purpose of superintending coal boring operations there that are to be carried out for a local syndicate.

The building inspector is calling for tenders for the removal of the store and dwelling on lot 352, Humboldt street, which building is on the street line, and in order that the sidewalk may be laid it will have to be moved back several feet.

New Arrivals—Embroidered Muslin Waists, 50c. to \$1.50; Embroidered and Lace Trimmed Skirts, 75c. to \$3.25; Corset Covers and Drawers, 25c. to \$1.25; Night Gowns and Chemises, 50c. to \$1.75; Fine Wash Gingham, 15c. per yard; Ladies White Norfolk Golfers, \$2.50; Ribbons, long and short Kid and Silk Gloves. Prices to please. Robinson's Cash Store, 36 Yates St.

The arrangements for the ball to be given in the A. O. U. W. hall by the sergeants of the Fifth Regiment on February 28th are going ahead rapidly and everything points to a successful dance. Members of the company are requested to send in their invitations to the secretary, H. Earl, before Saturday, February 22nd.

Last evening Court Victoria, A. O. F., held their regular meeting in the Sir William Wallace hall and initiated three new members and received several propositions for membership. After the business of the lodge was transacted a social evening was participated in by a large number of members and friends. Refreshments were served during the evening.

Last evening the reception given by the Women's Christian Temperance Union in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. to the new members was a most pleasant affair. Mrs. Asa Gordon, of Ottawa, addressed the meeting and was given an attentive hearing by those present. Mrs. Bruce rendered several musical selections. Refreshments were served during the evening.

A representation of Vancouver timber men, consisting of W. J. Patterson, J. M. McMillan, E. P. Brenner and Mr. Dunlevy, waited on the provincial government yesterday with reference to the extension of the 21 year license and other matters placed before the executive some weeks ago. It is said that the government has not yet come to a final decision in the matter.

Last evening the Victoria Loyal True Blue lodge, No. 27, held their regular meeting and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Worshipful master, Sister Walker; deputy master, Sister Clark; chaplain, Sister Smith; recording secretary, Sister Walsh; treasurer, Mr. Dunaway; director of ceremonies, Sister Hosking; conductor, Sister Tait; inside guard, Sister Martin; outside guard, Sister Brown; committee, Sisters Hosking, Dunaway and Walsh and Sisters Clark and Tait.

The residents of Victoria West are asking the provincial government to complete the portion of Douglas road which lies in that municipality. In this connection a deputation waited on the government yesterday, H. D. Helmecken, K. C., acting as spokesman for the party, which embraced among others, the following gentlemen: W. J. Cave, G. E. Munro, T. E. Conroy, R. Thompson, F. Painter and W. Bucknag. The deputation received a promise that the government would have the matter reported on and that further steps would be considered.

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There will be a meeting of the members of Calgary Baptist church in the hall, Blanchard street, this evening for the purpose of considering the resignation of the pastor, Rev. F. T. Tapscott, M. A.

As well as building permits, real estate is pretty active just now. A number of small sales taking place. By the sale of a building lot on Linden avenue to William H. P. Sweeney, about \$1,500 changed hands.

Victoria Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., will hold its regular meeting on Friday evening and among other business the initiatory degree will be conferred on candidates. The new paraphernalia recently acquired will be worn. Victoria Lodge is preparing for the annual roll call, which takes place some time in March.

Yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock Lee Back Ming, who has been felling trees in the neighborhood of Sidney for Lee Gung, was killed by the falling of a tree. The remains were brought to town and removed to Hanna's undertaking parlors. Funeral arrangements will be made later.

This morning at 8:45 o'clock, the funeral of the late Elizabeth Henegge took place from Hanna's chapel to St. Andrew's cathedral where high mass was conducted by Rev. Father Gallagher. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends and many beautiful flowers were sent. The following acted as pallbearers: E. H. Fletcher, M. B. Lloyd, F. W. Blankenbark, A. S. Barton, J. D. Hinton, & Booth.

DEATH OF MISS BAIRD.

Deceased Had a Large Circle of Intimate Friends in This City.

The many friends of Miss Louisa L. Baird will be greatly shocked to hear of her death which occurred yesterday morning about 10:30 o'clock at the residence of her brother-in-law, Capt. John Black, 55 Hillside avenue. Although deceased had been in precarious health for some time past, the end came as a painful surprise to her family and friends.

First Presbyterian church, and always took an active interest in church work. She was a native of Pembroke, Ontario, and came to British Columbia about ten years ago with her family. Her father, T. M. Baird, a pioneer of the San Juan district, four brothers, Mr. J. M. Baird, Mr. H. A. Baird, Mr. J. M. Baird, and her sister, Mrs. (Capt.) John Black, survive her. The funeral will take place on Saturday at 2:30 p. m., from 55 Hillside avenue.

AUSTRALIAN CASE NOW BEING HEARD

Charge of Alleged Wife Desertion is Being Argued in Police Court.

A case of more than usual interest is now proceeding in the city police court before Police Magistrate Jay. The charge is one of wife desertion, the accused being Antonio Loschavo of Sydney, Australia, W. Moreau and R. Lowe are prosecuting, while J. A. Alkman is defending the prisoner. It will be remembered that Loschavo was arrested here on the charge of New South Wales authorities and on the case coming before the magistrate in the usual way a remand was ordered until further evidence could be secured. This evidence arrived last Thursday when P. W. Ashton an officer of the New South Wales detective service arrived with sworn statements and affidavits to the effect that Loschavo, deserted his wife.

Mr. Lowe opened the proceedings by quoting the New South Wales Act as it applied to wife desertion. When a man leaves his wife without any visible means of support he is liable to three years imprisonment with hard labor. He made the application to carry the judgment into effect here under the Fugitive Offenders Act.

To this Mr. Alkman argued that the case of the accused did not come under the Fugitive Offenders Act and asked for the discharge of the prisoner. Continuing Mr. Alkman submitted that in the information laid against Loschavo the term of imprisonment was stated and consequently his client could not be apprehended under the Fugitive Act.

W. Moreau stated that the information did not concern the case, the warrant for Loschavo's arrest was the point to be decided, to which Mr. Alkman replied that he would take the same stand as regards the warrant. Magistrate Jay decided in favor of the prosecution.

The case is now proceeding.

The death occurred this morning of Mary, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jameson. The funeral is taking place this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. J. McCoy will conduct the services.

The budget speech is expected to be delivered in the legislature this afternoon by Hon. R. G. Tait. Falling business progressing satisfactorily, to allow of that, the budget will be brought down to-morrow.

In connection with the successful ball given on Tuesday evening in the Empress hall, special credit is due to Mrs. Harry Pooley and Mrs. Robin Dunsmyth with whom the idea of holding such a function originated. These two ladies who were assisted later by active committees and the Knights of Columbus, carried the event to a successful issue.

France now realizes \$80,000,000 from her tobacco crop.

THE CITY AND ELECTRIC WIRES

SUBJECT DISCUSSED AGAIN IN COMMITTEE

Clause of Victoria's Bill Strongly Opposed by Corporations Interested.

Agreement was not reached with respect to all the points of conflict between the city and electric companies before the Municipal Committee yesterday. The clause proposed to empower the city to cause electric wires to be placed underground, and which was warmly contested by the legal representatives of the companies, remained in dispute, on adjournment, and the fight thereon was continued with strengthened force on both sides this morning.

In the city's interests the mayor and solicitor were supported by W. J. Taylor, K. C., who took charge of the controversy in favor of the clause. The company interests, in addition to J. H. Howell, K. C., and H. G. Barnard, K. C., were represented by A. T. Goward, local manager of the B. C. Electric Company and Mr. F. C. of Vancouver, president of the telephone company.

On behalf of the companies it was argued that the concession of such a power to the city would amount virtually to repudiation of the contract, which permitted them to construct their wiring systems over head, whilst Mr. Taylor contended that the provision for compensation ought to meet all reasonable objections to the city having the right to compel wires to be placed underground, where such a course became desirable in the public interest.

Company representatives also contended that the clause was too wide in that it would enable the city to compel them to place their wires underground over the whole system within their jurisdiction, and that this would be a tremendously expensive undertaking, and they did not know what the city might do, and this would lead to an element of uncertainty in their investment, which would work them injury financially.

Mr. Taylor replied that the city's point of view was that they did not know what the companies might do, that the clause only afforded room for the exercise of administrative intelligence, in the public interest, and that no injury could result from the existence of such an empowering clause, which contained a compensating guarantee.

Mayor Hall pointed out that the conduits on Government street were installed at the city's expense, with a view of obviating the redistribution of the pavement against the idea that the wires would be placed underground on that thoroughfare. He pointed out the absurdity of the objection that this might mean a revolution of the electrical systems which would work destruction on the companies, remarking that it looked as if the companies thought they had all the brains in the city and that the mayor and council were possessed of none at all. Mr. Taylor completed an elaborate statement of the company's argument by asserting that it was right enough that corporations should be given a reasonable degree of protection, but that they should not be given the whole earth.

The disputed clause read as follows: "4th. To compel existing telephone, electric light or power companies, whether operating under special or private Acts or otherwise, to place all wires and means of transmitting electric power, light, heat or energy underground, the municipality paying the cost of removal and replacing of any such means of transmission less an amount equal to the difference in cost of maintenance of the two systems, such amount to be ascertained under the provisions of Section 251 and subsections 22 and 23 of Chapter 22 of 1906. The cost of any such work may be imposed upon the real property benefited as in the case of local improvements under Section 31 and subsections of said Act."

COMPLAINT OF CONDITIONS.

Letter Sent by Temperance Lodge to Provincial Police.

A letter has been sent to the superintendent of provincial police at the instigation of the Temperance Lodge, No. 16, I. O. G. T., which complains of conditions along the Esquimalt road. The letter is as follows:

To the Superintendent of Provincial Police, Victoria, B. C.
Dear Sir: We are instructed by the Temperance Lodge, No. 16, I. O. G. T., to write you, respectfully, calling attention to the fact that a little more police vigilance seems most desirable along Esquimalt road, from the city limits to the village, to protect residents from annoyance, particularly from drunken men.

On two occasions at least, within a week, men under the influence of liquor have walked into residences along the road, without invitation. In one case the unwelcome visitor entered the parlor and threw himself down on the lounge before anyone knew of his presence, and when found was unwilling to leave the house until either money or food had been given him. He used, also, offensive language, both in the house and to young school girls on the road after he had been ejected. In the other case the man walked into a kitchen and sat down, and had to be ordered out. A number of other cases were also reported of men more or less intoxicated begging from door to door, in some cases where women were alone in the house and afraid to refuse food to able-bodied men. Only recently, too, at about 2 a. m., a woman was seen hopelessly drunk along the road and using the foulest of language to men who appeared to be trying to get her home. And still another case was reported of a man just as drunk as a donkey, who was seen in the garden fence of a residence literally disrobed (in partial view from the windows) and then lay down as if going to bed. He was a little later aroused and helped to dress by the man of the house, who had been informed of his presence on returning from the city.

We are, as well known, abnormally afflicted with drinking saloons and barrooms in this locality, and if these cannot be closed, it is at least due to the residents that protection should be guaranteed against such conditions as mentioned above.

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BUILDING ACTIVITY

IS ON THE INCREASE

More Permits This Month to Date Than in Whole of Last Month.

The opening of spring has increased the activity in building in this city, already there have been more permits issued this month than during January and yet there are nine more days before the end of this, a very short month. The total amount of permits issued up to to-day is \$56,575 as against \$54,625 last month. The total for the year so far is \$111,300.

It should also be remembered that there is a good deal of activity in building just outside the city limits. In Oak Bay, for instance, a number of new houses have been commenced since the beginning of the year, and in Esquimalt and other directions there is a corresponding activity.

THE POLICE COURT.

Minor Offences Were Disposed of by the Magistrate This Morning.

Magistrate Jay had two sittings today, one at 10 o'clock for the drunks, and then an adjournment was made until 11 o'clock before the Australian wife-desertion case came up for trial. The first sitting disposed of the usual list of light offences. Three men named P. Miller, Francis Holden and W. Dawson, appeared for wandering the streets in a loose, idle and disorderly condition. They were remanded until to-morrow, when a more serious charge will be laid against them. G. Lyons disobeyed himself on Government street two nights ago and paid the \$5 this morning as a result of his carousal.

Two Saanich Indians owing the familiar names of Thomas and Harry were taken in by the police while in an intoxicated condition, contrary to the Indian act. They both pleaded guilty and were fined \$7 each, the usual fine being increased \$1 for interpreter's fees.

Another drunk pleaded guilty and paid his \$3 quota.

Don't miss seeing the six men start in the three day race at the rink to-night. No extra charge for admission.

On Tuesday evening, 25th inst., the ladies' guild of the Metropolitan church will hold its annual social for members of the church and congregation. The Metropolitan orchestra will render a musical selection during the evening. Besides this programme vocal solos, quartettes, recitations and violin solos will be given, the following having kindly consented to take part: Mrs. Switzer, Parfitt Brothers, Miss Wilkinson, Mr. Morrison, Miss Foxall, Miss Keston, Mr. Jesse Longfield and Mr. Dalzell.

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NATURAL FORCES IN FINANCE

TRUSTS BALK AT CHANGED CONDITIONS

Future of Market Uncertain— No Extreme Fluctuations Expected.

New York, Feb. 15.—On the stock exchange during the week there were a number of important fluctuations which contributed more or less activity in special stocks, but a comparatively quiet market in others. The recent panic, however, is gradually becoming a matter of history, and its effects in the financial district are disappearing by degrees. Confidence has certainly recovered considerably, and the money market has settled down into more normal conditions. Loanable funds on good collateral are plentiful, and good borrowers find no difficulty in securing all the accommodation they need at comparatively low rates.

The relief developed in the money market has been the result of unimpeded workings of natural forces. It can safely be said that readjustment in the money market has been more complete, as well as more rapid, than in any other department of business. This is important because it paves the way for readjustment elsewhere. We are still descending from an abnormal level to the normal, and the process naturally goes on more smoothly in some divisions than in others. In the stock market, for instance, the readjustment has been much more emphasized than in the merchandise markets. There has been no organized or artificial resistance to a decline in the rates for money. There has been some concerted opposition to the decline in stocks, but beyond the effort to check the panic, there was nothing remarkable to interfere with the readjustment in securities. In the main the stock market has been settling down into normal conditions during the last three months.

In the commodity markets, however, especially manufactured products, the situation is radically different; for in that quarter there are very few industries which are not more or less under the domination of great combinations, whose policy has distinctly been to sustain values in spite of declining demand. The wholesale effort to check the operations of natural law marks a new and hazardous tendency in business affairs. In previous panics the trusts had not attained such power over the markets as they now possess, and prices were left to adjust themselves in accordance with the fluctuations of supply and demand. While this may

have caused occasional dissatisfaction, it was in the main beneficial; because it afforded buyers a chance of exercising individual judgment. Now, conditions are completely changed, and prices of many commodities are held at or near the old figures regardless of ordinary market conditions and the necessity for commercial as well as financial liquidation. As a result of the panic, there has been a sharp contraction in the demand for many articles. New enterprises have been checked; many hands are out of employment and consumption has consequently declined quite sharply. Under natural conditions prices would be reduced at such times in order to revive demand and encourage resumption of enterprise through diminished costs of production. To-day, however, the full resumption of business activity is positively retarded by the obstinate refusal of the trusts whether of capital or of labor to adjust themselves to the changed conditions. For the first time in our history, we are seeing how the trust system works under adversity. Trust managers have acquired great power which, if used discreetly and to resist the natural action and reaction of economic forces, will be sure to invite further disaster sooner or later. If used discreetly, it would permit a gradual decline; and in industries where competitive conditions still remain, prices have already been lowered considerably. There are, however, other industries, notably steel, in which prices are held at old figures in spite of decreased costs of production. This means that many mills are idle and many laborers out of employment that otherwise would be actively engaged were prices reduced to a lower level; all because officials, for reasons best known to themselves, refuse to recognize the change in fundamental conditions.

In the stock market a fair degree of activity prevails. Transactions were somewhat limited by the holiday; also by the disposition to await results of the city bond sale. Conditions for the latter were more favorable than at any time of the previous issue in September, not only is money much easier and more plentiful, but confidence is stronger and for some weeks past there has been a good demand for high-class bonds. A good deal of criticism has been heard as to the enormous borrowings of New York city, for which there is more or less good reason; and while the rapidity with which this issue was taken is encouraging, the city government should take note of the fact that it has borrowed more than it can pay.

Stock exchange operations have been more or less checked by political developments. We are now entering upon the discussion and really critical stage of the presidential campaign. This is the time when all sorts of disturbing issues will be raised and discussed with more or less vehemence. The new policies recently advanced must now stand

the test of the political furnace, and the development of public opinion will be watched with keen interest in order to ascertain the issues and the men that will succeed in the coming campaign. The crusade against corporations and great wealth makes this campaign one of supreme importance. The political atmosphere in this respect has fortunately already been much cleared. Public opinion has been thoroughly aroused and the agitation in this respect has probably seen its worst phases. It is now settled that the great corporations must obey the law, and hereafter show a decent regard for public interest. The latter they are beginning to do, in many cases voluntarily; having recognized the necessity of palliating public opinion. As for the misdeeds of so-called "high finance," these are already meeting with deserved retribution; sometimes in the courts, but more frequently through financial collapse and public ostracism. We have had many striking examples lately that there are numerous evils difficult of suppression by law, which disappear quickly under the influence of an aroused and sound public opinion. The latter is a power of tremendous force when exerted, and it is safe to say that many of the deals and transactions which were passed over without challenge two or three years ago would not be repeated in the financial district to-day. Comparative little reform has thus far been secured either through legislation or enforcement of the law; yet everyone within the precincts of Wall Street knows that business standards there are on a distinctly higher level than twelve months ago.

The future of the market is somewhat uncertain with prospects of no extreme fluctuations in either direction. Various have already undergone so severe a contraction that there is but little room for further decline, even should some of the unfavorable developments now expected materialize. Decreased railroad earnings and possibly decreased dividends have already been very largely discounted; so, also, have many of the troubles appearing from day to day as the aftermath of the panic. This explains why the latest bank troubles had no effect upon the market. It is quite possible in view of the recent rally that prices may hang off for a period, especially should unfavorable news transpire. We look, however, for no decided reaction; but rather for frequent fluctuations to and fro and a good trading market. Much depends upon the outlook of the crops and the elections. As soon as the nominations are decided upon some opinion can be formed as to the latter. Meanwhile, it will be advisable to avoid heavy commitments on either side of the market, and to avail of the wide fluctuations hereafter, which will be frequent for both buying and selling. Otherwise buy when down and sell when up.—Henry Clegg.

A man eighty years of age and a woman of seventy-two eloped from a home for old people at Dorchester, a little town near Boston, because they were refused permission to marry. A week after they returned to the establishment, stating that they had been married and had spent all their money in buying a good time.

HAMS REDUCED ONE QUARTER

EGGS ARE SELLING FIVE CENTS LOWER

New Vegetables on the Market, Home Grown and Imported.

The downward move in the price of food products, as predicted by the Times, is going on steadily. There is very little upward move in anything, but scarcely a week passes without at least one or two staples going lower. This week there is an all-round drop in the price of hams. American hams have been retailing at 25c. a pound, and the B. C. brand at 22c. Now each has been reduced to 20c., a considerable reduction on a staple article. Bacon remains the same for the present, but it is altogether likely that it will follow the lead downwards.

The spring weather of the last week or two has affected the supply of fresh eggs, and the increased supply has affected the market. The island eggs are now selling at 40c. a dozen, California at 35c. and picked eggs at 30c. This means that the consumption will increase, for they are now coming within reach of the ordinary consumer.

Spring vegetables are coming in from the south; cauliflower, Brussels sprouts and celery from California; and tomatoes from Mexico, are arriving in large quantities. Cucumbers grown under glass locally are being sold at 25c. each, not expensive for this time of year.

The naval oranges this year are very plentiful, and the quality is good. The stores and warehouses are stacked up with piles of boxes of the fruit, which has just arrived.

The retail prices are as follows:

Garden Produce—
Rhubarb, per 2 bundles 12 1/2
Cauliflower, each 2
Cabbage, per lb. 2
Lettuce, each 5
Onions, per bunch 3
Spinach, per lb. 6 1/2
Brussels Sprouts, per lb. 12 1/2
Artichokes, per lb. 6
Carrots, per lb. 2
Turnips, per lb. 2
Sweet Potatoes, per lb. 2
Celery, per lb. 7 1/2

Meats—
Hams (B.C.), per lb. 20
Bacon (B.C.), per lb. 20
Hams (American), per lb. 20
Bacon (American), per lb. 20
Shoulders, per lb. 19 1/2
Beef (young), per lb. 10
Beef, per lb. 10 1/2
Pork, per lb. 11 1/2
Mutton, per lb. 12 1/2

Lamb, hindquarter	1.50	1.75
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Veal, per lb.	12 1/2	13
Suet, per lb.	15	
Farm Produce—		
Fresh Island Eggs	40	
California Eggs	35	
Fresh Eastern Eggs	30	
Best Dairy Butter	30 1/2	45
Butter (Creamery)	45	
Cheese	25	
Lard, per lb.	20	
Hungarian Flour—		
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per sack	2.00	
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per bbl.	7.75	
Lake of Woods, per sack	2.00	
Sake of Woods, per bbl.	7.75	
Okanagan, per sack	2.00	
Okanagan, per bbl.	7.75	
Calgary Hungarian, per bbl.	7.75	
Moose Jaw, per sack	1.75	
Moose Jaw, per bbl.	7.00	
Excelsior, per sack	2.00	
Excelsior, per bbl.	7.75	
Oak Lake, per sack	2.00	
Oak Lake, per bbl.	7.75	
Hudson's Bay, per sack	2.00	
Hudson's Bay, per bbl.	7.75	
Enderby, per sack	2.00	
Enderby, per bbl.	7.75	
Pastry Flour—		
Snowflake, per sack	1.75	
Snowflake, per bbl.	6.75	
O. K. Best Pastry, per sack	1.75	
O. K. Best Pastry, per bbl.	6.50	
O. K. Four Star, per sack	1.75	
O. K. Four Star, per bbl.	6.50	
Drifted Snow, per sack	1.75	
Drifted Snow, per bbl.	6.50	
Grain—		
Wheat, per ton	30.00	32.00
Wheat, per lb.	24	
Oats, per ton	25.00	27.00
Oats, per lb.	4	
Roller Oats (B. & K.), 7-lb. sk.	4	
Roller Oats (B. & K.), 24-lb. sk.	1.25	
Roller Oats (B. & K.), 4-lb. sk.	2.25	
Roller Oats (B. & K.), 30-lb. sk.	1.25	
Oatmeal, 10-lb. sack	2.25	
Oatmeal, 50-lb. sack	2.25	
Roller Wheat, 10-lb.	2.00	
Cracked Wheat, 10-lb.	2.00	
Whole Wheat Flour, 10-lb.	4.00	
Graham Flour, 10-lb.	1.50	
Graham Flour, 50-lb.	1.50	
Feed—		
Hay (baled), new per ton	25.00	
Straw, per bale	3.00	
Corn	35.00	
Middings, per ton	22.00	
Brass, per ton	30.00	
Ground Feed, per ton	30.00	
Poultry—		
Dressed Poultry, per lb.	30 1/2	30
Spring Chicken, per lb.	20	
Ducks, per lb.	25	
Geese (Island), per lb.	30 1/2	
Turkey, per lb.	25 1/2	
Fish—		
Salmon (spring), per lb.	100 1/2	
Salmon (smoked), per lb.	20	
Halibut (smoked), per lb.	10	
Crab	100 1/2	
Smelts, per lb.	10	
Flounders	5	
Rock Cod	5	
Black Cod	12 1/2	
Bass	10	
Orange (smoked), per lb.	25	
Finnan Haddies, per lb.	12 1/2	
Fruit—		
Walnuts	20	
Cherries	20	
Bananas, per doz.	1.50	2.00
Pears, per box	5	
Cocconuts, each	5	
Apples, per box	1.50	2.00
Apples, per lb.	40	
Oranges (navel), per doz.	2.00	
Grape Fruit (new), per doz.	75	
Raisins, seeded, new	120	
Valencia Raisins, per lb.	120	
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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at their next sitting as a Licensing Court for a transfer to Henry Edward Verden-Richards of my license for the sale of wines and liquors by retail upon the premises situate on the corner of Block No. 90 Yates street, in the City of Victoria, and known as the "Wilson Hotel".
Dated this 10th day of February, 1908.
SAMUEL McILNEA.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners, at their next sitting as a Licensing Court, for a transfer to Stanley Adair John Hague Bonastow of my license for the sale of wines and liquors by retail upon the premises situate on the corner of Pandora and Blanchard streets, in the City of Victoria, and known as the Osborne House Hotel.
Dated this 20th day of January, 1908.
HECTOR QUAGLIOTTI.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that at the next sitting of the Board of License Commissioners we intend to apply for a transfer of our retail liquor license for the Beaufort School, situate on the southeast corner of View and Douglas streets, in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, to Charles H. McDowell.
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Bold Milk Which Fell Below Required Standard.

Vancouver, Feb. 19.—For having in his possession milk which was below the standard set by the provincial regulations governing the sale of milk, John Chang, proprietor of the B. C. cafe, on Westminster avenue, was fined \$20 and costs by Magistrate Williams in the police court yesterday morning.

News From Four Corners of B. C.

Interesting Happenings Gleaned From All Sources in the Province.

KAMLOOPS TO HAVE FRUIT CANNERY

Company Organized to Operate Plant in Thompson Valley District.

Kamloops, Feb. 19.—After carefully investigating the local conditions, marketing possibilities, and the experience of other localities where similar conditions obtain, a number of local gentlemen have decided to establish a cannery for fruit and vegetables at Kamloops. A canvass was made of the district before arriving at this decision and the support received more than justified the promoters in the belief that the success of the enterprise is assured from the very beginning. In order to carry the project into effect a company has been organized under the title of the Thompson Valley Canning Company, limited, with a capital of \$15,000, divided into 3,000 shares of \$5 each.

The provisional directors of the company are: Frank Rushton, chairman; A. E. Meighen, Dr. M. S. Wade, C. H. Strutt, treasurer; and W. T. Slavin, secretary. A large block of shares has already been subscribed for, and it is expected that the whole issue will be taken up within a few days.

As soon as a site is fixed upon the work of putting up the necessary buildings and installing the machinery will be proceeded with, as it is the intention of the company to have everything ready to handle this year's crop. This year it is expected that the produce that will be canned will consist mainly of tomatoes, beans and corn, but the first named will be the main product of the cannery. Tomatoes grow and ripen to perfection in this district and the cannery will relieve growers of any anxiety as to the disposal of the surplus crop. This will enable them to stiffen the price of the fresh article, while reselling them of a profitable return for labor expended in producing the crop.

It is not intended to confine the operations of the cannery entirely to local produce. Arrangements will be made for the handling of produce from all parts of the Thompson valley so that the interests of the whole district will be served.

INDUCTION OF MINISTER.

Vancouver, Feb. 19.—The ceremony connected with the induction of Rev. J. W. Woodside, which took place in the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian church last night, was witnessed by a large number of people, every available seat in the church being occupied. The sermon was preached by Rev. D. A. Macrae, Rev. J. D. Gillam, of North Vancouver, addressed the minister, and Rev. A. J. MacGillivray spoke to the congregation.

FLAMES WIPED OUT OLD TRAIL HOUSE

Historic Land Mark Built by Col. E. S. Topping Has Been Destroyed.

Trail, Feb. 19.—A few evenings ago fire was discovered in the old Trail house on the Bowery. The fire spread rapidly and in a very few minutes this historic land mark, which was the first hostelry in the city, was enveloped in flames.

The fire brigade was promptly on hand and soon had a stream of water playing on the burning building, with a line of hose laid from the hydrant on Victoria street. The heat was intense from the now furiously burning building and the old Kaiser house, some 30 feet distant across the narrow street, was threatened, and the firemen devoted their energies towards saving this building. In the meantime the reel from the Gulch was brought down and a line of hose laid from the hydrant at G.H.'s store.

With two streams now playing on the flames the brigade began to get the upper hand and gradually the fire was got under control. An old store building across the street was several times on fire but beyond a bad scorching on the end no damage was done.

The fact that the night was perfectly calm and from 10 to 12 inches of snow covered the roofs of the adjoining buildings, was a big factor in assisting the firemen in preventing the spread of the fire.

The Trail house was built by Col. E. S. Topping in the pioneer days of the city. The original structure was of log, and as the city grew and prospered the large frame annex was built. The building was unoccupied since 1902.

The origin of the fire points to a straight case of incendiarism.

PEACE RIVER MURDER.

Death of G. W. Coleman Accomplished Within B. C. Boundary—The Accused.

Kamloops, Feb. 19.—A few days ago Staff-Sergeant K. F. Anderson and a constable were sent out by the provincial police here to Fred James Trumper, charged with the murder of Geo. W. Coleman on November 25th last in the Peace River district. Coleman's partner, who was not at home when the crime was committed, returned, and finding the dead body, he put out and gave information to the police.

It was at first thought that the scene of the crime lay in Alberta, but an examination of the survey lines proved it to be two or three miles within the British Columbia boundary. Some time must elapse before the preliminary hearing can take place, owing to the difficulty of bringing witnesses from that distance.

FRIENDLY HELP SOCIETY.

Can Will Be Organized in Vancouver Asking for Aid.

Vancouver, Feb. 19.—At a recent meeting of the Friendly Help Society it was decided to issue a call to citizens who might have second-hand clothing still capable of doing service. Last year the organization collected a large amount of second-hand clothing and its donations were acceptable to many families, doing great good. As the society has now a large number of cases on its books it is hoped to duplicate this service this year.

TO PRESERVE GAME FISH IN KETTLE RIVER

Recommendations Passed by Greenwood Association Sent to Ottawa.

Greenwood, Feb. 18.—At the meeting of the Kettle River Game Association, the following resolutions were passed: 1. Asking that as the spawning season for Rainbow trout on the Kettle river and its tributaries does not commence until after the opening of the fishing season, the close season for the district should be extended from the 25th of March to the 1st day of May, thus encouraging the natural propagation and increase of game fish in these waters.

2. Recommending that fish ladders be erected at the falls at Cascades and Boundary Falls and that a permanent game warden be appointed for this district, including the "waterways" of the main Kettle river above Cascade.

These resolutions are, in the main, identical with those passed by the Fernie association and have been decided upon to endorse the idea of the Fernie association for the establishment of a game reserve in East Kootenay. Copies of the resolutions are being forwarded to Duncan Ross, M. P., and G. Z. Naden, M. L. A.

MUST STAND TRIAL IN UNITED STATES

Habeas Corpus Proceedings in Case of U. S. Absconder Prove Futile.

Kamloops, Feb. 19.—Capt. Kellogg, under arrest for the robbery and embezzlement of United States funds, will have to return to the United States to stand his trial. Chief Justice Hunter having refused to grant him his liberty under the habeas corpus application made through his attorneys.

The case has attracted a great deal of interest on both sides of the line, as Kellogg was a young officer of brilliant attainments in the United States army. While the guest of a general he abstracted a number of blank pay warrants, which he later fitted out and forged the signature of Col. Robinson, formerly army paymaster at Seattle.

Proceedings were taken in respect of two warrants for \$3,000 and \$2,500 respectively, cashed in California. Kellogg fled to Canada and was arrested in Kamloops, where his case has been before the courts for some time.

Colonel Dudley, U. S. consul at Vancouver, acted on behalf of his government in the prosecution. Every other effort on behalf of the prisoner's counsel having failed application for his release under habeas corpus was made, and word was received that this had been refused by the Chief Justice, Kellogg will accordingly have to go back to Chicago to stand his trial before the American courts.

PIONEER'S FUNERAL.

Large Numbers Paid Tribute to Late Col. J. T. Scott.

New Westminster, Feb. 19.—The remains of the late Colonel J. T. Scott, of Port Moody, were laid at rest in the Masonic cemetery in this city this morning in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends, the latter including many old pioneers of this city and district.

The funeral was one of the largest ever seen in New Westminster. The Masons of the city attended in a body under Marshal T. A. Muir, while the services were conducted by Chaplain Rev. J. S. Henderson and Worshipful Master Munn, of Union Lodge, of which deceased was a member. May Queen Miss Annie Tidy and her maids, as well as her guards of honor and the Boys' Brigade also attended. The pallbearers were Messrs. John Weaver, Alex. McKay and Robert Emma, of Port Moody, and S. H. Thompson, of Union Lodge, this city.

JUMPS FROM FIRE ESCAPE.

Vancouverite Under Hallucination Nearly Kills Himself.

Vancouver, Feb. 19.—Imagining that he was being followed by his supposed enemies and in order to escape them, a Vancouverite last Saturday night jumped from the fire escape of a building on Hastings street east this morning at 2:30 o'clock and jumped from the second story to the street. He was removed to the general hospital. His injuries are serious.

ROYAL CITY MARRIAGE.

New Westminster, Feb. 19.—The wedding of Daniel C. Cameron of this city, and Miss Caroline Dotsenroed, of Lander, occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fales, Victoria street, last night, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. S. Henderson.

AMERICANS FOR NECHACO VALLEY

Influx to B. C. Agricultural District Will Commence Next May.

Vancouver, Feb. 19.—Nechaco Valley in Cariboo district, which will be traversed by the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, will be the objective this spring of hundreds of settlers from the middle states.

Twenty-two thousand acres of land have already been disposed of. Of this quantity eight thousand acres have been secured by German Lutherans of Wisconsin, who intend to establish a colony. The valley is situated about 325 miles north of Ashcroft.

News of the impending trek was given out to-day by J. F. Appleton, of Crystal, North Dakota, who returned from the East a few days ago. Mr. Appleton visited the Nechaco valley last year and acquired 52,000 acres of farm lands there. He was formerly engaged in banking in his native state.

"At least 100 settlers with their families from the middle states will locate in the valley in May," said he. "The majority of them have bought farms averaging 340 acres at the rate of \$12 per acre. Their representatives in many instances have already visited the valley and reported favorably on its agricultural possibilities. Grain of all kinds, roots and vegetables can be raised there to perfection. There will be a cash market for their products owing to the early construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway."

"As the demands for land still continue the initial influx will be largely increased during the summer months. A tract of land comprising 8,000 acres has been acquired by German Lutherans of Minnesota. They intend to establish a model colony. Fifty settlers will be the nucleus of the colony early in the spring. After getting in their crops they will send for their families. The journey there will be made in wagons from Ashcroft."

Access to the valley will soon be simplified as the government and the G. T. P. are co-operating in building a wagon road through northern Cariboo in order to facilitate the bringing in of railway supplies. The Nechaco valley can easily support a large population as it contains 150,000 acres of first class farm land and 50,000 acres of second class land."

MISSION LIQUOR CASE.

New Westminster, Feb. 19.—The Mission liquor case, in which Proprietor McNeil, of the Bellevue hotel, at Mission, sought to restrain Proprietor Windebank, of the Matsqui hotel, from starting in the hotel business there, has been settled out of court.

FOR LIGHTING OF SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY

Large Power and Hydraulic Plant Under Construction at Bull River.

Cranbrook, Feb. 19.—At Bull River an enormous power and hydraulic plant is under construction. The power plant when installed will have a capacity of not less than 8,000 horse power, and will be used for generating electricity, for power and lighting purposes, to be transmitted to every city, town and camp in southeast Kootenay.

The hydraulic plant will be the largest in the district. Bull River will be diverted, so as to enable the company to wash the bed of the river, also the old channels. The ground has been prospected, and surveyed for a hydraulic plant, and gold in paying quantities is known to exist over a large area.

FUTILE HOLD-UP.

Vancouverite Was on Watch and Drives His Assault to Flight.

Vancouver, Feb. 19.—A prominent resident of Howe street, a well known cannery man, who was wending his way toward last Saturday night, pulled out his watch at the "Lure" or Robson street, between Granville and Howe, to ascertain the time. The watch was held only by an unattached fob, and the citizen noticed a suspicious character lurking in the shadows a short distance ahead. He slipped his watch into his pantaloons pockets instead of his vest pocket, its regular place. Arriving at the dark spot the vicious character made a lunge and grabbed for the watch pocket, but the citizen, who is no small man, landed him a solar plexus and winded him so badly that it was with difficulty the thief made his escape. He did this, however, by running swiftly up the dark alley and pursuit of him was fruitless. The matter was not reported to the police.

JAPS SEEK PROTECTION.

Would Be Safeguarded in Vancouver Against Another Anti-Oriental Demonstration.

Vancouver, Feb. 20.—In view of the fact that notices have been posted about the city pointing to the possibility of another parade under the auspices of the Anti-Asiatic League, a number of prominent Japanese have intimated their intention of appealing to the civic authorities for special protection, should the parade scheme be adopted. It is probable that the matter will be presented to the city council at its next meeting in the form of a petition from the Japanese.

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THE YELLOW GOD

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CHAPTER XVI (Continued).

Now Alan, looking about him, saw that immediately beneath the dais and between them and the edge of the water, were gathered his cannibal friends, the Ogula and Fahn, their chief, who had rowed him to Asikiland, and with them the messengers whom they had sent on ahead. Also he saw that their arms were tied behind them, and that they were guarded by men dressed like devils and armed with spears.

"Ask Fahn why he and his people are bound," said Alan, "and why they have not returned to their own country."

Jeeki obeyed, putting the question in the Ogula language, whereupon the poor men turned and began to whisper to save their lives. Fahn adding that he had been told they were to be killed that night.

"Why are these men to be slain?" asked Alan of the Asika.

"Because I have learned that they attacked you in your own country, Vernon," she answered, "and would have killed you had it not been for Little Bona. It is therefore right that they should die as an offering to you."

"I refuse the offering," said Alan, "and let them return to their own land, Asika."

"That cannot be," she replied coldly. "Here they are and here they remain. Still, their lives are yours to take or to spare, so keep them as your servants if you will, and bending down she issued a command which was instantly obeyed for the men dressed like devils cut the bonds of the Ogula, and brought them round to the back of the dais, where they stood blessing Alan loudly in their own tongue.

Then the ceremonies began with a kind of infernal ballet. On the smooth space between them and the water's edge appeared male and female bands of dancers who emerged from the shadows. For the most part they were dressed up like animals, and imitated the cries of the beasts that they represented, although some of them wore no clothing whatsoever. To the sound of wild music of horns and drums these creatures danced a kind of insane quadrille, which seemed to suggest everything that is cruel and vile upon the earth. They danced and danced there, in the moonlight, still the madness spread from them to the thousands who were gathered upon the further side of the water, for presently all of these began to dance also. Nor did it stop there, since at length the Asika rose from her chair upon the dais, and joined in the performance with the Mungana, her husband. Even Jeeki began to prance and about behind, so that at last Alan and the Ogula alone remained still and silent in the midst of a scene and a noise which might have been that of hell let loose.

Leaving go of her husband, the Asika bounded up to Alan, and tried to drag him from his chair, thrusting her gold mask against his face. He refused to move, and after a while she left him and returned to the Mungana. Louder and louder brayed the music and beat the drums, wilder and wilder grew the shrieks. Individuals fell exhausted, and were thrown into the water, where they sank or floated away on the slow moving stream, as part of some inexorable play that was being enacted.

Then suddenly the Asika stood still and threw up her arms, whereon all the thousands present stood still also. Again she threw up her arms, and they fell upon their faces and lay as though they were dead. A third time she threw up her arms, and they rose and remained so silent that the only sound to be heard was that of their thick breathing. They spoke or rather screamed, saying:

"Little Bona has come back again, bringing with her the white man whom she led away," and all the audience answered, "Little Bona has come back again. Once more we see her on the head of the Asika as our fathers did. Give her a sacrifice. Give her the white man."

"Nay," she screamed back, "the white man is mine. I name him as the next Mungana."

"Oho!" roared the audience, "Oho! she names him as the next Mungana. Good-by, old Mungana! Good-by, new Mungana! When will be the marriage feast?"

"Tell us, Mungana, tell us," cried the Asika, patting her wretched husband on the cheek. "Tell us when you mean to die, as you are bound to do."

"On the night of the second full moon from now," answered, with a terrible groan that seemed to be wrung out of his very heart, "on that night my soul shall be eaten up and my day done. But till then I am lord of the Asika, and if she forgets it death shall be her portion, according to the ancient law."

"Yes, yes," shouted the multitude, "death shall be her portion, and her lover we will sacrifice. Die in honor, Mungana, as all those did that went before you."

"Thank Heaven!" muttered Alan to himself, "I am safe from that which for the next two months, and through

the eye-holes of his mask he contemplated her with loathing and alarm."

At the moment, indeed, she was not a pleasing spectacle, for in the heat and excitement of her mad dance she had cast off her gold breast-plate or stomacher, leaving herself naked except for her kirtle, and the thin spangled robe upon her shoulders, over which streamed her black, disordered hair. Contrasting strangely in the silver moonlight with her glistening copper-colored body, the mask of Little Bona on her head glared round with its fixed crystal eyes and frowning smile as she turned her long neck from side to side. Seen thus, she scarcely looked human, and Alan's heart was filled with pity for the poor, bedazzled wretch she named her husband, who had just been told to announce the date of his own suicide.

Soon, however, he forgot it, for a new act in the drama had begun. Two priests, clad in horns and tails, leapt on to the dais, and at a signal unlaced the mask of Little Bona. Now the Asika lifted it from her streaming face, held it on high, then she lowered it to the level of her breast, and held it in both hands, walked to the edge of the dais, whereon priests disguised as fends began to leap at it, striving to reach it with their fingers and snatch it from her grasp. One by one they leapt with the most desperate energy, each man being allowed to make three attempts, and Alan noted that this novel jumping competition was watched with the deepest interest by all the audience, at the time he knew not why.

The first two were evidently elderly men, who failed to come anywhere near the mark. Their failure was received with shouts of derision. They sank exhausted to the ground, and from the motion of his body Alan could see that one of them was weeping, while the other remained sullenly silent. Then a younger man advanced, and at the third try almost grasped the fetish held by the Asika. He was about to succeed, lifted it an inch or two, and then also missed, and with a groan joined the band of the defeated. Next appeared a fourth priest even more horribly arrayed than those who went before him, but Alan noticed that his garments consisted chiefly of paint, and the main idea of his make-up being that of a skeleton. He was a thin, active fellow, and all the watching thousands greeted him with a shout. For a few seconds he stood back gazing at the mask as a wolf might at an unapproachable bone. Then suddenly he sprang forward and sprang into the air. Such an amazing jump, and such a feat, as before. So high was it, indeed, that he came level with that of the fetish, which he snatched with both hands, tearing it from the Asika's grasp. Coming to the ground again with a thud, he began to cower to and fro, kissing the mask, and presently reappeared holding Little Bona's right hand and in his left a great gold cup. A lance fell upon the place. He advanced to the first man who had jumped and offered him the cup. He turned his head away, but a thousand voices thundered "Drink!" Then he took it and drank, passing it to a companion in misfortune, who in turn drank also and gave it to the third priest, who would have snatched the mask had not the Asika lifted it out of his reach.

This man drained it to the dregs, and with an exclamation of rage dashed the empty vessel into the face of the chosen priest with such fury that the man lay upon the ground and for a while lay there motionless. Now he who had drunk first began to spring about in a ludicrous fashion, and presently was joined in his dance by the other two. So absurd were their motions and clownlike grimaces and tumblings, for they had dragged off their masks, that Alan went thankfully enough. As he plunged into one of the passages the sound of frightful yelling reached his ears, followed by loud, triumphant shouts.

"Now you gone they kill those who Bona smell out," said Jeeki. "Why you no wait and see? Very interesting sight."

"Hold your tongue," answered Alan savagely. "Did you think so years ago when you were put into that pen to be butchered?"

"No, Major," replied the unabashed Jeeki, "not think at all then, too far gone. But see other people in there, and know it not you quite different matter."

They reached their room. At the door of it Fahn and his followers were waiting. Alan went because he, blessing Alan as they went because he had saved their lives.

"Jeeki," he said, when they were alone, "tell me what makes that hellish idol swim about in the water picking out some people and leaving others alone?"

"Major, I not know; no one know except head priests and Asika. Perhaps there man understand, perhaps they pull string, or perhaps fear alive, and he do what he like. Please don't tell him name. Major, or he remember and come after us one time, and that bad job," and Jeeki shivered visibly.

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More than satisfied with this information, Alan went to bed. For hours after that night he lay tossing and turning, haunted by the recollection of

other. Then while the people cheered, shouting out that husband and wife had come together again at last, he saddled his plank back to the water's edge, sat down, and waited.

Meanwhile, at some sign from the Asika, all the scores of priests and priestesses, who were dressed as devils had fled off to right and left, and vanished, presumably to cross the water by bridges or boats that were out of sight. At any rate now they began to appear upon its further side and to wind their way singly among the thousands of the Asika people who were gathered from the rocky slope beyond in order to witness this fearsome entertainment. Alan observed that the spectators did not appear to appreciate the arrival amongst them of these priests, from whom they seemed to edge away. Indeed, many of them rose and tried to depart altogether, only to be driven back to their places by a double line of soldiers armed with spears, who now for the first time became visible, ringing in the audience. Also other soldiers, and with them bodies of men who looked like executioners, showed themselves upon the further brink of the water and then marched off, disappearing to left and right.

"What's the matter now?" Alan asked of Jeeki over his shoulder.

"All in blue funk," whispered Jeeki back, "like you. Get to business now. Silly fools forget that when they laugh so much. Both Bona very hungry, and Asika want wipe out old scores. Presently you see."

Presently Alan did see, for at some preconcerted signal the devil priests, each of them, jumped with a yell at a person near, gripping him or her by the hair, and snatching him or her in and dragged them down to the bank of the canal. Here, to the number of a hundred or more, a walling, struggling mass, they were confined in a pen-like sheep. Then a bar was lifted and one of them allowed to escape, only to find himself in a kind of gangway which ran down into shallow water. Being forced along this he came to an open space of water exactly opposite to the floating fetishes, and there was kept a while by men armed with spears.

As nothing happened, they lifted their spears and the man booted up an incline and was lost among the thousands of spectators.

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More than satisfied with this information, Alan went to bed. For hours after that night he lay tossing and turning, haunted by the recollection of

the dreadful sights that he had seen and of the horrible Asika, beautiful and half naked, glaring at him, amorously through the crystal eyes of Little Bona. When at last he fell asleep, it was to dream that he was alone in the water with the god, which pursued him as a shark pursues a shipwrecked sailor, and that he had a desperate night's work to do before he could escape. Only one thing could be more awful—the reality itself.

CHAPTER XVII.

The Mother of Jeeki.

"Jeeki," said Alan next morning, "I tell you again that I have had enough of this place; I want to get out."

"Yes, Major, that just what mouse men when he finish chase in trap, but mouse call him 'Pretty, pretty, come along,' and when him all the same, and he called him in the direction of the Asika's house."

"Jeeki, it has got to be done—do you hear me? I had rather die trying to get away than stop here on the night of the next full moon but one. I shall shoot that Asika and then shoot myself, and I must take your chance. Do you understand me? Only one thing could be more awful—the reality itself."

"Understand that foolish game and poor look-out for Jeeki, Major, but can't think of any plan. Then he rubbed his big nose reflectively and added, "ranny and his people your slaves now, 'spose we have talk with him. I'll priests to bring him along when he come with breakfast. Leave it to me, Major."

Alan did leave it to him, with the result that after long argument, the priests consented to obtained permission to produce Fahn and his followers, and a little while after the great men arrived, looking very dejected, and saluted Alan humbly. Bidding the rest of them to be seated, he called Fahn to the end of the room, and asked him through Jeeki's mouth, and his men did not wish to return home.

"Indeed we do, white lord," answered the old chief, "but how can we? The Asika has a grudge against our tribe, and but for you would have killed every one of us last night. We are anxious and must stop here till we die."

"Would you people help you if they knew, Fahn?"

"Yes, lord, I think so. But how can I tell them who doubtless believe us dead. Nor can I send a messenger, for this place is guarded, and he would be killed at once. We came here for your sake, because you had Little Bona, a sacred thing to the east and west, to the north and the south, and because you saved me from the lion, and here, alas! we must perish."

"Jeeki," said Alan, "can you not find a messenger? Have you, who were born of this people, no friend among them all?"

Jeeki shook his white head and rolled his eyes. Then suddenly an idea struck him.

"Yes," he said, "I think one, pi-apra. I mean my ma."

"Your ma!" said Alan, "oh! I remember. Have you heard anything more about her?"

"Yes, Major. Very old girl now, but strong on leg, so they say. Believe she glad go anywhere, because she public nuisance; they tired of her in prison, and there no workhouse here, so they want turn her out starve, which, of course, break my heart. Perhaps she take message. Some use that way. Only think she afraid go Ogula-land because they nasty cannibal and eat old woman."

When all this was translated to Fahn he assured Jeeki with eagerness that nothing would induce the Ogula people to eat his ma, moreover that for her sake they would never look carnalously on another old woman, fat or thin.

"Well," said Jeeki, "I try again to get hold of old lady and we see. I pray priests let her out of choker, as I sick to fall upon bosom, which quite true, only so much to think of that no time to attend to domestic relation till now."

That very afternoon, on returning to his room from walking in the dismal cedar garden, Alan's ears were greeted by a sound of shrill quarrelling. Looking up, he saw an extraordinary sight. A tall, gaunt, withered female, who might have been of any age between sixty and a hundred, had got Jeeki's ear in one hand, and with the other was slapping him in the face while she exclaimed:

"O, thit, whom by the curse of Bona I brought into the world, what have you done with my blanket? Was it not enough that you, my only son, should leave me to earn my own living? Must you also take my best blanket with you, for which reason I have been cold ever since. Where is it, thit, where is it?"

"Worn out, my mother, worn out," he answered, trying to free himself.

"You forget, honorable mother, that I grow old, and you should have seen dead years ago. How can you expect a blanket to last so long? Leave go of my ear, beloved mother, and I will give you when you travel across the world, find you, and I want to hear news of your husband."

"My husband, thit, which husband? Do you mean your father, the one with the broken nose, who was sacrificed because you ran away with the white man-when Bona loved? Well, you look out for him when you get into the world of ghosts, for he said that he was going to wait for you there with the biggest stick that he could find. Why, I haven't thought of him for years, but then I have had three other husbands since his time, bad enough, but better than he was, so who would? And now Bona has got the lot, and I have children alive, and they say I am to be driven out of the prison to starve next week as they won't feed me any longer, I who can still work against any one of them, and you've got my blanket, you ugly old rascal!" and collapsing beneath the weight of her recited woes, she burst into a melancholy howl.

"Peace, my mother," said Jeeki, patting her on the head. "Do what I tell you and you shall have more blankets than you can wear, and as you are still so handsome, another husband, too, if you like, and a garden and slaves to work for you and plenty to eat."

"How shall I get all these things, my son?" asked the old woman, looking up.

"Will you take me to your home and support me or will that white lord marry me? They told me that the Asika had named him as the Mungana, and she is very jealous, the most jealous Asika that I have ever known."

"No, mother, he would like to, but he dare not, and I cannot support you as I should wish, as here I have no

house or property. You will get all this by taking a walk and holding your tongue. You see this man here, he is Fanny, king of a great tribe, the Ogula. He wants you to carry a message for him, and by and by he will marry you, won't you, Fanny?"

"Oh! yes, yes," said Fahn, "I will do anything she likes. No one shall be so rich and honored in my country, and for her sake we will never eat another old woman, whereas if she stays here she will be driven to the mountains, to starve in a week."

"Set out the matter," said the mother of Jeeki, who was by no means so foolish as she seemed.

So they told her what she must do, namely, travel down to the Ogula and tell them of the plight of their chief, bidding them muster all their fighting men, and when the swamps were dry enough, advance as near as they dared to the Asika country, and if they could not attack it, wait till they had further news.

The end of it was that mother of Jeeki, who knew her fate to be desperate at home, where she was in no good repute, promised to attempt the journey in consideration of advantages to be received. Since she was to be turned adrift to meet her fate with as much food as she could carry, she could do without exciting any suspicion, for who would trouble about the movements of an useless old thief? Meanwhile Jeeki gave her one of the robes which the Asika had provided for Alan, also various articles which she desired, and having learned Fahn's message by heart and announced that she considered herself his affianced bride, the gaunt old creature departed happily enough, after exchanging embraces with her long-lost son.

"She will tell somebody all about it, and we shall only get our throats cut," said Alan wearily, for the whole thing seemed to him a foolish farce.

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TO RENT—New, five-room, modern cottage, furnished in good, healthy locality, within ten minutes' walk of Post Office, rent \$35, can be leased. Apply to R. W. Coleman, 122 Government street.

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SNAP FOR ONE WEEK—Fine Bungalow, 7 large rooms, etc., greenhouse, fruit-trees, centrally located, lot 100x140, reasonable terms, also 4 room cottage, stable, full bath, lot View St. particulars 1319 Government St., room 5.

TO BE SOLD—A 10 room house, on Cadboro Bay road, near St. Charles street.

A BEAUTIFUL HOME for sale cheap and on exceptionally easy terms. Situated amid rural surroundings on one of the most desirable residential streets of the city, house contains 11 rooms and is thoroughly well built, grounds include fine lawns with handsome shrubbery and garden with 21 fruit trees in good bearing. Apply 1521 Belmont ave.

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Labor Supplied

INDIAN LABORERS SUPPLIED—Messrs. Harnam Singh & Co., Indian labor contractors in any number or description on short notice; moderate terms. Telephone A 1660.

CONTRACTORS—We can furnish you with laborers, or any kind of men, at short notice. Japanese Slaves, Hungarians, Lithuanians, etc.; also several well trained monkeys. Boston Shipping Co., 15 Norfolk street, New York City.

JAPANESE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE—All kinds of labor supplied at short notice. 1601 Government street, Tel. 1500.

THE JAPANESE GENERAL CONTRACT CO., LTD., 23 Store street. Telephone No. 1596. Labor supplied, of number or description, on short notice.

Land Surveyor

ALEX. GILLESPIE and J. B. Green, British Columbia land surveyors. Office, 107 Langley street.

Legal

C. W. BRADSHAW, Barrister, etc. Law Chambers, Baston street, Victoria.

MURPHY & FISHER, Barristers, Solicitors, etc. Ottawa, Parliamentary, Departmental and Patent Office Agents. Practice before Railway Commission. Charles Murphy, Harold Fisher.

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Lodges

COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2, I. O. O. F., meets every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in Odd Fellows Hall, Douglas street. W. F. Fawcett, Res. Sec., 237 Government street.

COURT CARIBOO, No. 14, I. O. O. F., meets in R. M. P. Hall, corner Pender and Douglas streets, on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Monday of every month, at 8 p. m. For information apply J. O. Welch, Treas., P. O. Box 237, City.

COMPANION COURT FAW CEST, I. O. F., No. 23, meets first and third Monday each month in K. of P. Hall, corner Douglas and Pandora streets. Isabelle Moore, Financial Secretary, P. O. Box 257, City.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD—Victoria Camp, No. 5, Canadian Order of the Woodmen of the World, meets in K. of P. Hall, corner Douglas and Pandora streets, 1st and 3rd Fridays in the month. Wm. Jackson, clerk.

K. OF P. No. 1, Far West Lodge, Friday, K. of P. Hall, cor. Douglas and Pandora Sts., H. Weber, K. of R. & B. Box 44.

VICTORIA, No. 17, K. of P. meets at K. of P. Hall every Thursday. D. S. Mowat, K. of R. & B. Box 14.

A. O. F. COURT NORTHERN LIGHT, No. 1, meets every second and fourth Wednesday in month at A. O. U. W. Hall, Members of Order visiting the city cordially invited to attend. R. Dunn, recorder.

COURT VICTORIA, A. O. F., No. 890, meets at Sir William Wallace Hall, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. W. Noble, secretary, 14 Oswego street.

Lots for Sale

NEW ALBERTA Sub-division Lot 122. We are instructed to offer for a few days lots in this sub-division at \$50.00 each, half cash, balance one year. Limited number only. F. E. Niven & Co., Government street, near Douglas street.

FOR SALE—RANCH, Nicola Valley, nearly 1000 acres, beautifully situated, one of best properties in district. Easy distance from railway station. Cheap purchase for quick sale. For particulars apply to Pendrell Land Co., 563 Granville street, Vancouver, B. C.

FOR SALE—3 choice large lots, on the highest part of Smith Hill, commanding elevations, magnificent views, \$750 each, easy terms. Pendleton, Woodlands, Cedar Vale, Victoria.

SIDNEY—Owner wishes to sell his good land, all clear, fenced with wire, 1/2 mile from Sidney station, 1/4 mile from school, cheap for immediate sale. Apply Box 43, P. O. Victoria.

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REALTY MONEY TO LOAN. FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE. PHONE 64. 17 TROUCE AVE.

HOUSES

THREE BUNGALOWS—Large grounds with each \$1,800, \$1,200, \$1,000.

SMALL HOMES—Splendid values and good terms \$1,100, \$1,200, \$1,500, \$1,800, \$2,000.

LOTS

EIGHT LOTS, in Pearce estate, fine locality \$4,000.

TWO LOTS, Banks street, best on street \$1,200.

ONE LOT, Alfred, corner \$750.

ONE LOT, Gladstone avenue, fine view \$900.

J. STUART YATES

22 BASTION STREET, VICTORIA. FOR SALE.

80 ACRES—Sooke District, just inside Sooke harbor.

FINE SEA FRONTAGE—At Esquimalt, about three acres, cheap.

TWO LOTS—On Victoria harbor, with large wharf and sheds and 2 large warehouses, in good condition, on easy terms.

THREE LOTS—On Yates street, with 10 stores, bringing in good rentals.

TO RENT—Large wharf at foot of Yates street, rent \$120 per month.

For further particulars apply to J. STUART YATES, 22 BASTION STREET, VICTORIA.

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ONTARIO STREET—Lot for \$750.

BLANCHARD STREET—Lots for \$1,200.

NORTH PARK STREET, 1119—Cottage, a room, and very large lot \$2,150.

PANDORA STREET—Two lots for \$900.

COLINGWOOD STREET, Esquimalt—3 large lots for sale cheap for cash.

PRIOR STREET, off Hillside ave.—3 large lots for sale cheap and on easy terms.

BLACKWOOD STREET—Good lot, splendid location, easy terms.

CORNER THIRD AND BAY STREETS—4 lots for \$1,200; easy terms.

Money to loan in large or small amounts. Fire and Life Insurance.

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TO LET—4 UNFURNISHED ROOMS in good new house, on Johnson street; possession March 1st. For four only, per month \$20.00.

TO LET—2 FURNISHED ROOMS, Menzies street, each, per month, \$10.00.

TO LET—2 UNFURNISHED ROOMS in house on Pembroke street; for the two \$11.00.

TO LET—FINE LARGE 10-ROOM HOUSE in best locality. All modern and heated with hot water. Enquire for further particulars.

TO LET—3-ROOM HOUSE on Simcoe street, per month \$25.00.

FOR SALE—BUSINESS CORNER, three blocks from Government; buildings now being in a rental of \$50.00 per month. Price \$1,500. Terms \$500 cash, balance \$1,000 per year at 6 per cent. interest.

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